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Approximately 10 Marines unload fuel from a KC-130J Hercules Nov. 14 at Tinian's West Field during exercise Forager Fury II. Marines at West Field play a vital role providing needed ground support for the air operation segment in FF II. The joint exercise is designed to employ and assess combat power generation in a deployed and austere environment. The Marines are with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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CUC withdraws rate hike plan

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» Agency secures \$1.8M for pipeline project

After withdrawing its proposal to raise water and wastewater charges, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said yesterday it is also canceling its emergency petition to raise power rates after securing the \$1.8 million it needs for a pipeline project.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said yesterday that the agency has already secured adequate funding for its oil pipeline project, which is under the supervision of the federal court.

CUC filed the emergency rate proposal with the Commonwealth Public Utilities

Commission on Nov. 6, saying it needs to implement a surcharge beginning Dec. 1 to raise the needed funds.

Yesterday, Fletcher said the emergency rate proposal was just a safety net if CUC is unable to generate a total of

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DESPITE EMERGENCY PETITION PULLOUT

Senate resolution opposes CUC rate hike

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CPUC on Nov. 6.

"Even if CUC withdraws its Nov. 6 emergency rate petition, there are other rate relief petitions filed. Hopefully the full Senate will adopt this resolution," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

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Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) will introduce today a resolution asking the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to deny the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s petition for rate increases, even as CUC announced yesterday it is withdrawing its emergency rate petition filed with

Yumul said in his resolution that CUC should not be authorized to increase its electric rate to

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Over \$200M condo-hotel project eyed near COP

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Another group of Korean and Chinese investors is eyeing over \$200 million worth of condo-hotel project on some 5 hectares of land near Coral Ocean Point, at a time when the CNMI is in need of additional hotel rooms to accommodate a growing number of tourists.

Representatives of a Chinese construction contractor met with House members on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon for a preliminary presentation about the planned

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'NMI ill-prepared to enforce ACA requirement'

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Effective next year, some provisions of the Affordable Care Act are expected to kick in but the CNMI wants a pass on these mandates as the Commonwealth is ill-prepared to enforce the health law.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos conveyed this to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, informing her of the potential impacts of the new law

on the CNMI.

"While the CNMI fully anticipates implementing the various market reforms ACA mandates, we are not in a position to fully implement all the reforms under current timeframes prescribed in the ACA and promulgates regulations," stated Inos in an Oct. 23 letter to Sebelius.

According to Inos, there has been a great deal of confusion on the law's applicability to U.S. territories. There has also been mini-

mal effort to account for the unique market dynamics in the territories relative to market size, remoteness, access to developed health care delivery systems, and industry governance, he added.

"The CNMI is ill-prepared to implement the standards required by ACA, as evidenced by the US-DHHS application of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield benefit standard as the Essential Health Benefit plan for our jurisdiction," Inos stated.

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House weighs financial aid for CUC

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During an over two-hour meeting yesterday morning, House of Representatives members asked Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher for a list of items that CUC needs to improve its service efficiency, the projected costs, as well as more information about its multimillion contracts with Mobil and Telesource, as the Legislature weighs funding aid for the corporation.

Lawmakers said they want to help CUC so that the latter won't have to resort to utility rate increases every time

it needs immediate funding to meet its obligations.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said the House is looking at either asking Gov. Eloy S. Inos to funnel more capital improvement project money to CUC or consider direct appropriation.

At the closed-door meeting, however, Fletcher didn't ask for a specific amount that CUC needs from the Legislature at this time.

"We'll take whatever they

can find," Fletcher told reporters after the meeting that ended at past 12pm.

Fletcher also said CUC was set to issue a press release related to the emergency rate petition, something that he also talked to lawmakers about. Hours later, CUC issued a press statement that it will withdraw its emergency rate petition filed on Nov. 6 with the Public Utilities Commission.

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), chair-

» **Lawmakers ask CUC for list of needs, more info about Mobil, Telesource contracts**

man of the House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, said they also asked Fletcher to look into Mobil's "fuel supply contract extension."

"The monopoly of Mobil has got to stop," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The House PUTC chair also said that CUC's contract with Telesource on Tinian "is also of great concern to us, is costing the CNMI huge" amount of money.

"We are suggesting closing the contract and instead bring power to Tinian," he added.

House members said they look forward to receiving data

from CUC—from its list of needs to improve its service efficiency so it can eventually lower its rates, to its contracts with Mobil and Telesource.

Fletcher said CUC and the Legislature have "the same goal" of lowering utility rates for consumers and improving efficiency of service, among other things.

He said meetings with lawmakers "give us the ability to work together so we can overcome the issues that we have on funding a lot of our projects. We all have the same goal, and that's how we can moderate the costs to our customers."

"We're glad to hear that they

want to work with us, and move things forward," he added.

Fletcher, at the same time, acknowledged that the Legislature and the administration have to balance the needs of CUC with that of other programs and services.

"We only have so much money to work with within the CNMI and the administration, the legislators do a great job of balancing that with the limited funds that we have," he said.

He also said that CUC has been working with PUC staff "to see what's reasonable, what's just, and what's necessary" as far as rates are concerned.

Fletcher said CUC hasn't had any changes to its electric base rate since early 2011. He reiterated that running a utility agency is expensive, and that majority of the rate money that consumers pay is fuel cost that CUC does not have control over.

The House speaker, for his part, said the House also understands that CUC has many obligations, including complying with stipulated orders "and that's pressuring them to raise fees."

The speaker said the House is looking at earmarking or direct appropriation.

At the meeting, House members asked Fletcher to provide a list of their capital improvement needs and how much these would cost. The House could then use this data as it considers asking the governor to use more CIP money for CUC.

"The administration has the authority over prioritizing CIP, [we will] ask them if we can divert or earmark some of those CIP [money] to CUC," the speaker added.

He said the goal is to improve CUC's service efficiency, reduce rates for consumers, improve reliability, and upgrade its system.

The House leadership will meet this week, and one of the issues to be discussed is prioritizing CUC needs.

SBFCUG pitches in to help Haiyan victims

The Saipan Building & Fixing Computer Users Group, a nonprofit organization, is raising funds for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) that hit the Philippines last week. All donations will be forwarded to "Sagip Kapamilya" of ABS-CBN, the station that delivers TFC shows here in the CNMI. If you would like to make a donation in check, make the check payable to SBFCUG so we can make a full accounting of everything we receive, and please let us know as soon as possible and we will gladly pick it up. You may contact Mar Masilungan (founder and chairman) at 483-9440, or Zaldy Quebral (president) at 287-1975. (PR)



COURSE COMPLETION

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, a total of 14 Saipan World Resort interns from Korea, Russia, and Japan completed their English Language Development Course conducted by the Northern Marianas College, Community Development Institute. The group, recently presented their certificates of completion, is shown here with instructor Richard Nigh, seated center; Saipan World Resort GM Hyung Cho Kim, standing behind Nigh; Jake Park, director of Administration; and Les Ogomuro-Uludong, program manager, NMC Community Development Institute. The goal for the entire internship program is for each intern to learn about resort hotel operations, the tourism industry and the service industry. It is hoped that the program will provide direction to each intern on the career path they wish to pursue after their completion. Miriam K. Seman, Human Resources team manager, is in charge of the overall training of the interns at Saipan World Resort.

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OAG's late filing of motion in ex-cop's case nixed

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has rejected the Office of the Attorney General's request to allow the prosecution to file a third amended information to include three additional charges against Melvin Ilo Monkeya, a former Tinian police officer who is facing charges of sexually abusing a then-14-year-old girl in 2008 inside the Tinian police station.

In a written order on Friday, Camacho denied the OAG's motion to file an amended information after determining it was submitted in court beyond the Oct. 29, 2013 deadline.

"This practice is unacceptable and undermines the court's ability to control the docket and the defendant's ability to adequately prepare for trial," the

judge pointed out.

According to court records, on Oct. 29, 2013, assistant attorney general Chemere McField sought to file a third amended information with three additional charges—sexual assault of a

minor in the first degree, child abuse or neglect, and assault and battery—against Monkeya.

Monkeya, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, opposed the motion, citing that it was filed beyond the deadline for motions

set in the court's Sept. 18, 2013 pretrial order.

The pretrial order states that "any motion except for motions in limine shall be filed in order to be heard, on Oct. 29, 2013 at 9am."

In his order, Camacho said the government's motion, which is not a motion in limine, was filed on Oct. 29, 2013, at 4:29pm and contains no explanation as to why it was filed well after the deadline.

Monkeya's trial will be on Dec. 2, 2013.

Notorious rock thrower pleads guilty to burglary, another rock throwing

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A 24-year-old man notorious for damaging vehicles with rocks has pleaded guilty in a burglary case and another rock throwing incident.

Fiden Teregeyo Hamo pleaded guilty Friday to burglary in one case and criminal mischief in the second case as part of a plea deal.

He will be sentenced on Dec. 11, 2013, at 9am.

The Office of the Attorney

General had charged Hamo with two counts of burglary, two counts of conspiracy to commit burglary, two counts of theft, and two counts of conspiracy to commit theft.

In the second case, the OAG had charged him with criminal mischief, obstructing justice, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

The OAG also moved to revoke Hamo's probation in his conviction in a 2012 criminal case for failing to comply with probation conditions.

According to the plea agreement, between Dec. 18 and 19, 2012 on Saipan, Hamo twice entered a warehouse formerly known as the Onu Moda Factory in Afetnas, with co-defendants Matthias Salisban, Jeffrey Lizama, and Sonny Babauta.

Upon entering the warehouse, Hamo, along with the co-defendants, stole copper wires, power tools, and other items. The group, along with co-defendant Petrus Anastacio, transported, altered, and stored

the copper wires for resale.

In the other case, on July 1, 2013 on Saipan, Hamo went to the house of Jeffrey Javier and had a verbal altercation with the latter. He then threw three rocks at Javier, almost hitting the victim. One rock hit the victim's vehicle, causing damage.

In April 2012, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja slapped Hamo with a six-day prison term for shattering the back windshields of two vehicles after an argument with his girlfriend on Jan. 3, 2012.

Bobby Baldazo, vice principal and acting president of Mt. Carmel School, cites the collective efforts of the community and the Department of Public Safety in solving the two burglary cases at their school as, to his left, DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero and Police Sgt. Jeffrey Olopai listen during a press briefing yesterday at the school's staff lounge. Also in the photo are Mt. Carmel's business manager Keiko Yamagata and development director John Blanco.

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Four juveniles arrested for two burglaries at Mt. Carmel School

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Five weeks after Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero vowed to catch the culprits in the two burglaries at Mt. Carmel High School in Chalan Kanoa in September, police now believe they have solved the case with the arrest of four suspects, all male juveniles.

In a press briefing held Friday at Mount Carmel's staff lounge, Deleon Guerrero announced the arrest of the four suspects, with ages ranging from 12 to 14.

Deleon Guerrero said that Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho signed the arrest warrants against the four, who were also linked to other burglary and theft incidents in Chalan Kanoa and Susupe areas.

Deleon Guerrero said the suspects were identified after weeks of careful investigation by police officer John Cabrera of the DPS Community Oriented Policing Section. He said the four were interviewed regarding their involvement in the two burglary cases at Mt. Carmel School, two burglary incidents at William S. Reyes Elementary School, and a theft at Kanoa Resort.

Members of COPS unit, with the help of detectives from the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation, arrested the suspects Friday night.

Deleon Guerrero said that many of the stolen items have been recovered and that officers are still trying to recover other items as the investigation continues.

The cases, Deleon Guerrero said, are currently being compiled for turnover to the Office of the Attorney General for prosecution.

Deleon Guerrero said the community and Mt. Carmel's cooperation led to the solution of the cases.

He said Mt. Carmel stepped up to the plate and offered to help the department in a number of activities against criminality within the Chalan Kanoa and Susupe areas.

"Nevertheless, it boils down to one thing: If everybody just focuses on trying to assist DPS in a variety of different ways to be able to come to the resolution of these and other types of incidents, then we can really go a long way in terms of how we can make sure that the police in turn is able to do the job and bring the perpetrators of this menace to justice," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said DPS has made arrangements with Mt. Carmel in conducting patrols within the school com-

pound at night time.

In an earlier interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Deleon Guerrero underscored the need for accessibility to Mt. Carmel School, saying if police don't have a way to get inside the gated compound, that defeats the purpose of having patrols in the area.

Bobby Baldazo, vice principal and acting president of Mt. Carmel School, who was also present at the press briefing, said the solution of the two burglary cases at their school was due to the collective efforts of the community and DPS.

"The success of solving these incidents was a result of good teamwork between the community and DPS," Baldazo said.

He urged the community to continue helping DPS by sharing their efforts to solve any crimes in Chalan Kanoa.

Police officer John Cabrera said their investigation linked the four suspects to the two burglary incidents at WSR Elementary School two weeks ago where sports equipments were stolen.

Cabrera said the group was also linked to a theft incident at Kanoa Resort where a tourist's iPhone was stolen.

Last Oct. 9, Deleon Guerrero disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* his intent for the DPS Thief Apprehension Select Coalition to focus on solving the two burglaries that occurred in a nine-day period last September at Mt. Carmel.

Deleon Guerrero said they are trying to designate Chalan Kanoa and Susupe as safe zones and yet these burglaries at Mt. Carmel happened.

The first burglary was during the weekend of Sept. 7 to 8 and the last time was on Sept. 15. Several items were stolen from the students' lockers in the two incidents.

In the first incident, the suspect or suspects entered the high school building and stole items from the students' lockers. At the junior high school building, the burglar or burglars smashed one classroom glass door and stole items from that room.

That burglary prompted the Mt. Carmel administration that same day to hire the services of a security company to provide a daily 12-hour security personnel at school.

Unfortunately, on Sept. 15, during daylight hours, the suspect or suspects struck again, breaking into the high school building and stealing several items from the students' lockers. They also smashed three glass windows to enter three classrooms.



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Manglona to be sworn in today

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Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday that former president Paul A. Manglona will be sworn in today by either Gov. Eloy S. Inos or acting governor Jude U. Hof-

schneider as a member of the 18th Senate.

Manglona's swearing-in will be held during the Senate's scheduled 2pm session today.

This will be the first time in a long time that the Senate will have a full nine members.

For about a year, the Senate

was missing one senator from Rota, when former senator Juan Ayuyu was jailed in connection with smuggling endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan. But it was not only until Oct. 1, 2013 that Ayuyu resigned, prompting the Senate to certify a vacancy.

The Inos administration, however, waited for a Supreme Court decision on a certified question whether to appoint the second highest vote-getter from the 2009 or 2012 elections, before making an appointment. The Supreme Court's Thursday ruling paved the way for the acting governor to appoint Manglona to finish Ayuyu's term ending in January 2015.

Manglona, when asked

whether he would seek re-election in November 2014, said he has not decided on this yet.

Senators said they look forward to working with Manglona once again. Manglona's priorities include economic development and restoring most if not all the pension cuts for retirees.

Moreover, for a time, the Senate had a vacancy for a member from Tinian, when former president Jude U. Hofschneider became lieutenant governor on Feb. 20 under the rule of succession when Fitial resigned and Inos as lieutenant governor ascended to power.

There were also several months when the Senate saw prolonged absences from a



Manglona



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy 1st birthday to our little princess, Janez Malayna Cabrera Helgen! May God bless you on your special day and may it be filled with lots of love. We love you to the fullest! With love, Daddy, Mommy, and sister Kayhana Faith. Greetings also come from Nino Ban, Nina Zing, and sisters.

ACA

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He pointed out that the CNMI has had no financial assistance to conduct studies for the development of a sustainable and affordable Essential Health Benefit plan.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly called Obamacare or Affordable Care Act, was signed in March 2010. Its intention is to insure all Americans and reduce the costs of healthcare, including regulating the premium rates of health insurance carriers.

Inos disclosed that the CNMI has elected not to participate in the Health Insurance Exchange and, as a result, the CNMI's al-

location of \$9 million will go toward increases in Medicaid.

"While the jurisdiction is appreciative with the additional funds for the Medicaid program, the concern is the ability of the CNMI to sustain the matching requirement and the impact that the expansion of the Medicaid consumer base will have on the private insurance marketplace," he said.

One of main reasons for the CNMI not participating in the Exchange was due to the lack of applicability of the individual and employer mandate in the CNMI.

"As there is no penalty to compel individuals and employers in the CNMI to purchase health insurance, carriers operating within our jurisdiction

face the potential of adverse selection from the uninsured population," said Inos.

While the CNMI has the ability to impose state level programs similar to the individual and employer mandate contained in ACA, he said this will require more time to implement it.

The CNMI specifically wants a delay in the implementation of the provisions relevant to the market reforms and EHB until such time the CNMI can put the proper regulatory controls in place.

'Exchange'

The "Exchange" is one of the key components of Obamacare that was put in place to mitigate the adverse impact of lowering premium rates by pulling carriers together. The "Exchange"

contains three mandates—individual, employer, and guaranteed issue mandate—which are not applicable to territories such as the CNMI.

Many insurance companies in the CNMI have opposed Obamacare and hinted that, if implemented in its entirety, this will create a potential shutdown of health insurance carriers.

There are at least five major insurance carriers in the CNMI.

Based on the 2010 Census, more than 14,000 Asians in the CNMI—mostly nonresident workers—are not covered by any health insurance. The population base is 52,000.

Census records also show that 34 percent of the CNMI population is uninsured. That translates to 18,114 individuals.

SENATE

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fund increased costs of projects "due to CUC's delayed negligence, to pay for vehicles and inventory that are not immediately required, and if CUC is not complying with all public laws including Public Law 15-87, which requires CUC to have 40 percent renewable energy portfolio standard by this time."

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, during an over two-hour meeting with House members yesterday, told lawmakers the agency's plan to withdraw their emergency rate petition.

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said this was because CUC was able to find at least \$2.8 million to address the agency's short-term funding needs.

"But Mr. Fletcher said they were able to do that by 'robbing Peter to pay Paul and Mary,'" the House PUTC chair said.

Deleon Guerrero said it's a "surprise" that CUC resorted to this "when we were made to believe CUC is in dire strait."

"Anyhow, we decided we

will work together to ensure CUC doesn't sink. Obviously, if the government pays their lion share of the financial burden, we wouldn't be in this situation," he added.

Deleon Guerrero was referring to the \$18 million that the Public School System and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. owe CUC.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said CUC used some of the grants it received toward stipulated order projects.

"They are not going to raise rates as a result of this [redirection of funds]," the speaker told reporters after the meeting with CUC's Fletcher.

Hours later, CUC issued a press release about its plan to withdraw its emergency rate petition.

Just the same, Yumul is proceeding with his Senate resolution introduction today.

Yumul questioned CUC's \$1 million need for vehicles "considering the fact that CUC has procured many vehicles recently."

He also said that while transmission and delivery inventory is important, "CUC can procure

\$1 million or \$2 million worth of inventory for one year instead and build up" as opposed to \$4.04 million right away.

\$10 million loan, \$190M PPA with SDLLC

Yumul also brought up the issue of a botched \$10 million loan with Rhode Island-based Independence Bank.

He cited economists.com testimony that because of the failure of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-guaranteed loan, "CUC's inability to borrow in the traditional capital markets and the approximately \$18 million accounts receivable owed by government entities, CUC must increase the electric rates to fund its projects."

The senator also cited economists.com's testimony that the former attorney general, Edward Buckingham, did not provide a closing document to the USDA loan, "which prevented CUC from obtaining the USDA loan from Independence Bank" as authorized by Public Law 17-62.

At the time CUC's loan was delayed by the former AG's inaction, "the Executive Branch, without the consent of CUC,

pledged CUC's assets as security for the SDLLC power plant financing," Yumul said, citing economists.com.

Buckingham and former governor Benigno R. Fitial signed a sole-source, 25-year \$190.8 million power purchase agreement with SDLLC, which was among the major issues in the impeachment resolutions against Fitial. The former governor resigned days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

CUC, however, "does not have clean hands" either, Yumul said.

"CUC failed to timely implement the Public Law 16-7 requirement to establish a rate reduction or a residential customer rebate program in the amount of \$3.4 million, which is the amount earmarked for CUC from revenues of the Mariana Public Land Trust under Public Law 16-7," Yumul said.

He said it seems CUC spends more time trying to increase rates rather than spend more time complying with the law that requires CUC to have a 40-percent renewable energy portfolio standard by Dec. 31, 2012.

member from Saipan, the late senator Luis P. Crisostimo, as he was undergoing treatment.

Meanwhile, the Senate presi-

dent said there may not be bills acted on in today's session. He also said that reorganization is not likely.

CONDO-HOTEL

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investment led by Korean investors.

The project involves the construction of a 258-unit hotel resort.

Each unit could later be sold to interested buyers for \$800,000 to \$1 million.

This brings the projected investment to at least \$206 million if each unit costs \$800,000.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) later said that lawmakers' main message to the investors is that the House welcomes "quality" investments and hope that the project will come to a fruition.

"We told them that even though we are in support of investments, we have laws and permitting processes that they need to comply with," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Lawmakers asked the contractor whether they would bring in Chinese workers for the construction or partner with contractors in the CNMI and hire local employees. The

contractor wasn't able to respond to these questions, as they still have to talk to the investors funding the project.

The House members also asked the contractor to "take into consideration the character of the islands" when designing their development. This could be done, they said, by partnering with local architects.

This comes weeks after Gov. Eloy S. Inos and House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) met with a group of investors in Hong Kong that is also planning a hotel resort development in the CNMI. Demapan said the planned investment on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota would cost close to \$3 billion, inclusive of hotels, villas, and a private medical center.

The Department of Public Lands also expects the building of two to three new hotels with at least 200 rooms each. DPL issued a short list of investors that responded to a request for proposal to lease public lands in Marpi and San Antonio for hotel development.

CUC

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\$1.84 million for the project.

"CUC was able to meet the funding target by using a combination of previously unobligated grant money, project reserves which CUC has been building to perform other necessary work, and by redirecting current non-grant funded CIP projects," explained Fletcher.

He did not elaborate on any detailed breakdown of the funding source.

Fletcher acknowledged that what CUC has done to secure the funding for the pipeline project is similar to "robbing Peter to pay Paul," just so it could meet the short-term funding target. He disclosed that because of its decision to reprogram some funds, other critical equipment project upgrades have to be deferred.

Affected projects include upgrades of CUC's old radio system, mechanized brush trimmers and chippers for right-of-way clearing, and a new auger truck.

"While we have met our funding goal to comply with the federal orders, we have done so by sacrificing important equipment needs. While withdrawing the emergency petition is a good decision for our consumers, it shows the importance of having an adequate funding base for the utility," said Fletcher.

He pointed out that, as a nonprofit public corporation,

CUC relies on CPUC-approved rates, fees, and charges for operations.

"We truly understand the burden that the emergency rate surcharge would have on customers and are pleased that we were able to secure funding without having a surcharge on rates," he said.

Now that two CUC petitions have been withdrawn, it is expected that proposed rate increase for customers will significantly changed.

According to a CUC statement yesterday, it said that CUC was issued two court orders by U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter on Oct. 23, 2013. The projects are court-mandated and include the construction of a new fuel oil pipeline and completion of Fuel Storage Tank 102.

"The fuel oil pipeline project is one that has grown in scope, complexity, and cost due to federal requirements and requires a total of \$1.84 million to complete. Tank 102 is a project where the contractor defaulted on its contractual obligations during construction of the tank and CUC terminated the contract. CUC is currently working with the underwriter of the performance bond, to correct the defective work and to complete the project. However, any resolution regarding the scope of work needed to complete the project, and the performance bond reimbursement for the work, is speculative and potentially litigious," the statement adds.

Five-year accreditation for PSS 'highly recommended'

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The external accreditation team that visited public schools in the Commonwealth has "highly recommended" the granting of a five-year district accreditation for the CNMI Public School System.

Education Commissioner

Dr. Rita A. Sablan disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the group conveyed this sentiment to PSS during their exit interview.

Sablan said the final decision is expected 30 days after the external team visit, which was conducted last month.

The nine-member team made its first visit on Tin-

ian and Rota schools on Oct. 4 while Saipan schools were visited on Oct. 7-9.

"The external review team that came highly recommended that PSS receive the system-wide level accreditation and that's the good news," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools grants five years of accreditation for its members. Individual institutions, however, can be placed in some levels of status such as probation, conditional, and other types.

NCA has been in the accreditation work since 1895 and has over 30,000 institutions

under its fold, of which 70 percent to date have already transitioned from individual school accreditation approach to district-wide accreditation process.

» **NCA decision expected in 30 days**

"We're extremely happy. I think we have seen a lot of systematic kind of collaboration where everybody is working together, making sure that there is an alignment at school level through central office," Sablan said, adding that the biggest thing about the new accreditation is that staff everywhere would know how things are working in the system.

Sablan said that PSS and

the Board of Education are very pleased with the visiting team's recommendation and they look forward to receiving suggestions on how PSS could still improve.

"In any school district there are opportunities to grow and PSS is one that is progressive and always look at ways to improve and grow," she said.

It will be recalled that after years of being affiliated with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, PSS ended its accreditation ties with the organization in June last year. Accreditation work under WASC focuses and centers on individual schools, which is why schools have different accreditation terms and

statuses despite being under a single accrediting body. In contrast, NCA covers in its accreditation process the entire school system, including its central offices and the education board.

With PSS now accredited by NCA, this makes the CNMI the first in the Pacific area to achieve this district-wide accreditation.

In the absence of a final decision from the NCA, Sablan declined to comment further on the details of the exit report and interview, citing confidentiality rules. However, she assured that once it is made public by the commission, PSS will share the document with the public.

Inos pushes for better management of coral reefs at task force meeting

Gov. Eloy S. Inos joined U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. John de Jongh, Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, American Samoa Lt. Gov. Lemanu Mauga and key territory officials at the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force's 30th meeting at the University of the Virgin Islands' Great Hall. The meeting was led by the task force co-chairs, Acting Assistant Secretary of Interior for Insular Affairs Eileen Sobeck, and NOAA Assistant Secretary Mark Schaefer.

In his opening remarks, Inos quickly pointed to the emerging threat of climate change and the impact it is anticipated to make globally.

"As governor of a group of islands surrounded by water, I make it a point to stay informed about the shifting world environment," said Inos. "I place a high priority on our coral reefs, oceans and the threat of climate change because I know that even the smallest of changes can have a large impact on our small islands."

In consideration of the potential effects of climate change, Inos sought support for the reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act, and requested a partnered and focused effort to seek favorable outcomes.

"Reauthorizing the Coral Reef Conservation Act would enact critical measures to protect and manage coral reef ecosystems in the U.S. and the islands, where the management needs for the nation's coral reefs are greatest," stated Inos. "Reauthorization is a much more logical path to effectively managing coral reefs than listing corals under the Endangered Species Act."

In the Northern Mariana Islands, the governor pointed out, reauthorization will clarify intended coral reef conservation and better define the options when responding to catastrophic events.

Given the added leverage this will provide, Inos requested a coordinated and joint federal and local government effort.

What are most important in this endeavor, added Inos, are disaster-related emergency response for coral reef ecosystems, the definitions of coral and coral reef; and formalizing the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force.

"Reauthorizing the Coral Reef Conservation Act lessens the merits for listing 66 coral

species under the Endangered Species Act by strengthening the management of anthropogenic stressors to coral reefs," said Inos. "Like my fellow territory governors, this listing is an issue that greatly concerns me."

Citing grave concerns by local fishermen and community members, Inos declared that ESA is not the right tool to protect corals. He added that the ESA listing strategy will not protect corals from the impacts of climate change, but is likely to have many other negative impacts on our community and businesses.

"For the ESA proposed coral listing, I see great risks to existing programs to effectively manage coral reefs. We know that a lot of new information significant to the decision tool has become available," added Inos.

He asked NOAA to take into serious consideration two important items. The first is work being done by Dr. Charlie Veron. He's completing an eco-regional plan that provides much greater depth in defining coral species range that would greatly improve the analysis of risk.

The second is the IPCC's (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Fifth Assessment Report, "Climate Change 2013." This report, said Inos, recognizes that the certainty of climate change prediction is limited to the next 50 years. The proposed listing was based on the year 2100—well beyond the 50-year maximum. With this new information, Inos believes that the predicted risk of extinction merits recalculation.

"I encourage NOAA to adapt a decision tool to address the subjectivity and potential bias as well as incorporate the important science from Veron's work and the IPCC's Climate Change 2013 report," stated Inos. "I feel the suggested changes for reauthorization will have a positive conservation impact and I request open and regular communication with NOAA as these efforts move forward."

Inos reiterated that aside from the subsistence and economic stability the ocean provides, the people of the Marianas have a very strong cultural connection to the ocean. Thus, conservation efforts remain a high priority of the Inos administration. (*Office of the Governor*)



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ANNUAL APASEEM CONFERENCE AGENDA

Note: All presentations will be conducted at the American Memorial Park Auditorium

TUESDAY, NOV. 19, 2013

5:15pm
Presenter: Robbie Greene
Affiliation: NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship Program, CNMI Coastal Resources Management Office
Contact email: robert.greene.crm@gmail.com
Title: *"Filling up the Bathtub: Using Elevation Models to Communicate the Impacts of Local Sea Level Changes in the CNMI"*

Abstract: In January 2013, over 200 scientists, resource managers and academic researchers from Pacific island nations and territories met in Suva, Fiji to discuss the state of climate information services in the region. From this discussion, a need emerged for novel services that could communicate complex climate science to broader audiences. A few creative folks referred to this service as *climate translation*: a way to transfer concepts and scientific information across a spectrum of researchers, policy-makers, and community members. This presentation highlights the development of CNMI-specific sea level rise maps as a meaningful first step toward local climate translation. High-resolution elevation data were used to map the potential extent of coastal flooding on Saipan due to changes in sea level. A number of empirically supported sea level scenarios were explored, including observed short-term rise due to typhoons and El Niño events, as well as long-term rise in response to climate change projections. Visualizations of these scenarios are presented, and impacts to Saipan's social and natural systems are discussed.

5:45pm
Presenter: Dr. Edgar Tudor, DVM
Affiliation: Paradise Animal Hospital
Contact email: edtudor@mac.com
Title: *"Mammomonogamus auris on Saipan"*
Abstract: This is a report on a newly discovered parasite of cats. It is seen and reported only in the CNMI. Little is known about this parasite. We know it lives in the middle ear of only cats. It is an egg layer and its eggs can be found in the stool on a fecal test. It can be seen on otoscopic exam of an infected cat very easily. It lives in the middle ear of cats and is found only in the CNMI. It has not been reported in

Guam. It has not been reported in any other island in Micronesia or Asia.
Note: To include some film footage.

6:15pm
Presenter(s): Aaron Sanders and Daniel Gubler, Ph.D.
Affiliation: Brigham Young University-Hawaii, 55-220 Kulanui Street #1967, Laie, Hawaii 96762, USA
Contact email: aaronws@go.byuh.edu
Title: *"Active Compounds in the Medicinal Plants: Cuscuta sandwichiana and Scaevola taccada"*
Abstract: The parasitic vine *Cuscuta sandwichiana* is an endemic Hawaiian plant that was used in traditional Hawaiian medicine to treat a variety of ailments. *Scaevola taccada* is a flowering beach plant found typically in the Indo-Pacific region. This plant has been used as a source of traditional medicine in a vast number of cultures. Previous to this study neither *C. sandwichiana* nor the berries of *S. taccada* had been analyzed for their organic compound makeup. Through the use of gas chromatography and mass spectroscopy this study identified multiple organic compounds in *C. sandwichiana* and in the *S. taccada* berries that validate their uses in traditional medicine.

6:45pm
Presenter(s): Erin Hoff, Roger Goodwill, David Bybee
Affiliation: BYU-H Biological Sciences Department
Contact email: roger.goodwill@byuh.edu
Title: *"Distribution and Abundance of Sabellid Polychaetes on the Kahuku Reef Flat, O'ahu Hawaii"*
Abstract: Sabellid distribution and abundance on algae from the Kahuku reef flat (21°41'2.89"N and 157°56'40.74"W) was studied from April 2013 to October 2013. Distribution and abundance was measured using two 30 m transects which were subdivided into numbered 0.1 m² quadrats. Transects were located on the center of the reef, which represented the most algal cover, and were designed to cover high and low intertidal zones. Transect A was located 15 m from shore, and transect B was located 23 m from shore. A random number table was used to select specific quadrats that determined the infauna sample sites. Sampling was conducted twice each month during low tide, once on transect A and once on transect B. Samples were collected from ten quadrats on each transect, stored in aerated

containers of salt water, and sorted using a dissection light microscope. Individual sabellids, either inside or outside of tubes, were teased out of algal samples with microscopic forceps. Preliminary results suggest at least one new species has been found, *Amphicorina* sp. Evidence suggests that different sabellid species may be actively selecting specific algae for settlement. Initial observations also indicate that the reproductive mode of at least one species, *Amphicorina* sp, is a tube brooder with several different larval stages confirmed so far.

7:15pm
Presenter: Denton, Dr. Gary R.W. Ph.D.
Affiliation: Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923, USA
Contact email: gdenton@uguam.uog.edu
Title: *"Metal Deficiencies and Imbalances in Wetland Plants from a Mangnese-Enriched Wetland in Southern Guam: A Possible Lytico-Bodig Connection?"*

Abstract: Trace metal levels were determined in surface waters, soil, soil pore-waters and three species of dominant plants from a small perennial wetland in southern Guam. The wetland is unusual in that has formed in an area that is geologically enriched with pyrolusite, a manganese bearing ore found primarily in fractures and fissures of the highly weathered and sparsely vegetated saprolite rocks that dominate the surrounding upland terrain. Over time, erosional processes have mobilized significant quantities of upland soil and fragmented pyrolusite into the wetland below where reducing conditions have favored the liberation of soluble Mn2+ from ore remnants. Manganese levels in surface waters draining the wetland were at least an order of magnitude higher than those found in other Guam rivers and streams draining watersheds without wetlands, while those in sediment pore-waters were up to three orders of magnitude higher. Despite adequate soluble supplies of essential trace elements in the wetland soil and soil pore-waters, the metal status of the common sedge, *Fimbristylis tristachya*, was suggestive of deficiencies in iron, copper and zinc. In contrast, manganese concentrations in this species and in the climbing fern, *Lygodium microphyllum*, sometimes approached levels considered phytotoxic to most other plants. Extremely

high concentrations of manganese were encountered in foliar tips of the monocot tree, *Pandanus tectorius*, with values exceeding 10,000 µg/g dry weight in some wetland representatives. *P. tectorius* is a savannah species that has adapted to wetland conditions and its ability to tolerate high levels of soluble manganese in the study area has undoubtedly helped facilitate its survival in this environment. However, the fact that upland specimens share the same capability suggests this mechanism evolved in response to selection pressures other than those associated with waterlogged soil. Historically, dried Pandanus leaves were used extensively as a source of domestic fiber in the local Chamorro culture. A possible link between the use of this plant and a neurodegenerative disease complex that is symptomatically similar to the occupational disease 'manganism' and once plagued the island is discussed. This mysterious ailment, locally known as 'Lytico-Bodig' appears only in native Chamorro people and is reputed to have once accounted for the deaths of one person in five over the age of 25. Today, Lytico-Bodig has all but disappeared from Guam, which has led to speculation that the diseases may have been linked to an environmental factor that is no longer threatening.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20, 2013

5:15pm
Presenter: Gourley, Mr. John.
Affiliation: Marianas Conservation
Email contact: john.e.gourley@gmail.com
Title: *"If Size Matters, Why Doesn't Science? A Review of the Science Behind the 'Size Matters' Campaign."*
Abstract: The "Size Matters" campaign has been an ongoing voluntary fisheries management campaign since early 2011. The campaign has produced a measurement guide and poster that identifies sizes of various species of reef fish that represents the size when 50 percent of the species has reached reproductive state, called the L50. The campaign objective is to educate island fishermen to voluntarily catch and retain fish that are greater than the stated L50 and release any fish that are smaller.
A critique of the science supporting this fisheries campaign was conducted. Various aspects of the campaign, such as source of the L50 sizes, a review of the literature supporting the L50 sizes and the

approach of using the L50 as a fishery management measure was investigated for its relevancy.

5:45pm
Presenter: Dunn, Mr. Trey.
Affiliation: CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, Fisheries Section
Contact email: tdunn.dfw@gmail.com
Title: *"DFW's Life History Work on the Red-Lipped Parrotfish Scarus rubroviolaceus"*
Abstract: The CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife has a long running fish life history program that seeks to gain specific life history characteristics for important fish species in the CNMI. This information is critical for making management decisions. DFW has recently been shifting focus of the program solely to reef fishes that are most commonly fished. One of the most common and readily targeted parrotfish in the CNMI is the Red-Lipped Parrotfish *Scarus rubroviolaceus*. Over the past two and a half years, DFW has been sampling this fish and taking life history information. The results from this work will be presented.

6:15pm.
Presenter: Gourley, John.
Affiliation: Micronesian Environmental Services
Email contact: john.e.gourley@gmail.com
Title: *"Is the Condition of Saipan's Reef Fish Better or Worse Since 2009? A Comparison of the 2009 PMRI market study and the 2011-2013 Bio-Sampling market study"*
Abstract: Pacific Marine Resources Institute conducted a four-month market survey of Saipan landed reef fish during 2009 and 2010. Over the past three years, the results have been widely disseminated in the public arena as an informational brochure, grey-literature report, peer-reviewed paper, numerous presentations, several newspaper articles, and the unilateral development of commercial size regulations for reef fish. The message being broadcasted was that that most of the Saipan commercial reef fish were being caught before they have a chance to reproduce and that SCUBA assisted spearfishing activities are supplying most of the fish for the Saipan market.
A NOAA-PIFSC funded fishery bio-sampling program was initiated late 2010 with market sampling starting in January 2011. Sampling the same Saipan-based vendors that PMRI surveyed the previous year, the bio-sampling program collected fish size data, as well as catch effort and location data, over a 33-month period.
Results from the PMRI market study are compared with results of the Bio-Sampling study in an attempt to distinguish any changes that may have occurred since the PMRI study was conducted.

6:45pm
Presenter: Trianni, Michael.
Affiliation: N/A
Contact email: mtrianni@ymail.com
Title(s): *"A historical review of research and management of reef fisheries in the CNMI"*
Abstract: Research and management of reef fisheries are presented along a historical timeline, noting various actions implemented by the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife through 2010. The rationale and process of managing reef fisheries in the CNMI, particularly Saipan, has often been challenging, and solely aimed at providing a sustainable resource for present and future generations.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21, 2013
5:15pm.
Presenter(s): Zachary Rupp and Daniel Gubler, Ph.D.
Affiliation: Brigham Young University-Hawaii, 55-220 Kulanui Street #1967, Laie, Hawaii 96762, USA
Contact email: zrupp@go.byuh.edu
Title: *"Determining the Chemical Signatures of Emotional States"*
Abstract: In this project we are looking to find and study human pheromones in the form of volatile organic compounds. A large part of this project involves working with a Gas Chromatography Mass


Spectrometer in order to analyze the compounds that are given off by participants during testing. Our current testing involves evoking certain emotions in participants, to see if in the process they give off any chemicals that could be correlated with the desired emotion. For example among certain organisms, when in danger, they give off an alarm pheromone to make their fellow organisms aware of the threat. We are testing to see if humans do something similar, that is, using chemosignaling in some way to communicate to those around them. This presentation will discuss a class of small molecules that may act as alarm pheromones in humans.

5:45pm
Presenter(s): Ryan Okano, Ph.D.
Affiliation: CNMI Division of Environmental Quality
Contact email: ryanokano@deq.gov.mp
Title: *"The Influence of Water Quality and Herbivory on Algal Communities within Laolao Bay"*
Abstract: Water quality and herbivory are considered to be primary factors that influence tropical algal communities. Water quality parameters in particular nutrients can fuel algal growth and result in the proliferation of weedy species. Herbivores are known to feed on algae, limiting the growth and presence of algal species. The recent Laolao Bay Watershed Restoration Project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has provided the Marine Monitoring Team with a unique coastal data set. Water quality constituents considered are salinity, pH, turbidity, and nutrients. Biological data considered are algal diversity quadrats and food fish stationary point counts. The influence of water quality on algal communities is demonstrated on the reef flat, while data suggest a relationship between algal and fish communities on the reef slope.

6:15pm
Presenter(s): Francisco C. Villagomez
Affiliation: CNMI Division of Fish & Wildlife, Fisheries Research Section
Contact email: fvillagomez.dfw@gmail.com
Title: *"The CNMI FAD Program"*
Abstract: In 1980 the Pacific Tuna Development Foundation out of Honolulu, Hawaii helped establish the first fish aggregating device program in the CNMI to help increase the success rate of pelagic fishing in the southern Mariana Islands. Fish aggregating devices provide an oasis in the middle of the ocean, creating an environment for bait fishes and a feeding ground for larger predatory fishes. The CNMI FAD designs continue to evolve over the years to improve longevity and cost efficiency. Although the CNMI is heavily dependent on external supplies, there are several possibilities to help alleviate the high costs of FAD systems.

6:45pm
Presenter(s): Angel Yanagihara, Ph.D.
Affiliation: University of Hawaii
Contact email: angel99anne@yahoo.com
Title: *"Box Jellyfish: Field Ecology, Envenomation and Treatment of Stings"*
Abstract: To be provided

7:15pm
Presenter(s): John Raulerson and Marianas Aeronautical Dolphins Group
Affiliation: Marianas High School, Saipan
Contact email: raulerson28@hotmail.com
Title: *"Aeronautical Dolphins Share their National Championship Design Award"*
Abstract: A presentation of the group's National Championship Design and expression of thanks for providing the group the opportunity to present at an academic science, science education, and environmental management conference. Trophies to display and sharing of the group's experience, including a \$50,000.00 scholarship for each involved student. The group would like to recognize how APASEEM basically jump started their program in reference to their first presentation at AMP. **(APASEEM)**




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Preliminary Hearing


Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Board of Parole, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", Notice hereby given that a **Preliminary Hearing** is scheduled for **November 21, (Thursday) at 9:30 a.m.**, at the **CNMI Board of Parole Office, Capitol Hill Road, Building Number 1216**, Saipan. The following individual(s) will appear before the Hearing Examiner:

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1. SARALU, Jesse. Cr. Cs. No.: 08-0053D/02-0086 BOP.: 12-005

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Head Start Policy Council

Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Turn Over Meeting on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Tanapag Head Start Resource Center, Tanapag, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Quorum

4. Adoption of Agenda

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. August 23, 2013

b. October 30, 2013

II. Council Changeover

1. Appreciation to Outgoing Council Members for SY 12-13

2. Welcome and Introduction of New Council Members for SY 13-14

3. Election of Officers

Pro Temp Chair Ms. Jolene Guerrero, Family & Community Partnership Manager

a. Chairperson

b. Vice Chair

c. Secretary

d. Treasurer

III. New Business

1. Selection of Saipan, Rota and Tinian Community Representatives

IV. Miscellaneous Matters

V. Executive Session

VI. Next Meeting

VII. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcomed to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

/s/ Antonio Mesngon
Chairperson

¹Pursuant to 1CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Sablan vows to release staff salary increases in a week

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

A few hundred public school employees will soon receive their much-awaited salary adjustment after Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan confirmed yesterday that their checks are now being prepared.

The Board of Education earlier approved the salary adjustment for selected support staffers whose wages have been frozen for years below the federal minimum standards.

Funds for the salary hike will come from the \$33 million fiscal year 2014 budget earmarked for PSS.

Despite the effective date of Oct. 1, many staffers were dis-

appointed not to see the salary increase in their last paycheck, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

On Friday, Sablan promised that the salary adjustments will soon be forthcoming.

"We're working, processing the notification of personnel action. We're informing our staff that hopefully in a week they will probably get their salary adjustments through checks or in their bank accounts and we're excited about them," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Sablan, the salary adjustment is accorded to employees who are earning less than \$25,000 per annum. Starting Oct. 1, 2013, Sablan wants to see everyone within the federal wage range of

\$7.50 per hour.

Most of the recipients of the salary hike are support staffers, including trades and maintenance workers, school aides, administrative secretaries and assistants, school drivers and conductors, among others.

Based on Public Law 18-18, or the CNMI Budget Act, PSS was appropriated \$33 million for its personnel and operation and includes funding for the salary adjustments for support employees.

Sablan earlier estimated that over 200 personnel will benefit from this increase. PSS has nearly a thousand employees, including over 400 classroom teachers.

PSS employees interviewed yesterday said that they are counting on the words of the commissioner and they are all excited to receive their increases. They said the salary adjustment will be of great help to their families' needs.

Rotary Christmas party on Dec. 6

The Rotary Club of Saipan will have its yearly Christmas party on Dec. 6 at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio.

Rotary Club vice president Richard Cody, who stood in for president Leila Y. Boyer who was in the Philippines, said the civic organization's Christmas party will have a starry night theme.

He encouraged members to dress appropriately for the event and preferably dress themselves in blue and gold-hued getups.

Cody, during last week's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, also reminded members about the club's annual Thanksgiving luncheon for residents of the Aging Center on Nov. 26, 2013.

Aside from a buffet spread of Thanksgiving delights, the luncheon will also see Rotary members entertaining the islands' elderly with popular games like a local version of the popular "Minute to Win it" show.

The Aging Center's *man'amko* are also expected to get a kick out of creative table games like ninja card, cereal-box puzzle game, rapid fire, nut stack, and water quarter drop. **(Mark Rabago)**

Docomo Pacific and its partners launch typhoon relief campaign

Docomo Pacific, through its community organization, Docomo Pacific Cares, has launched a relief fundraising campaign to benefit the victims of Typhoon Haiyan's recent devastation in the central Philippine region. This campaign will be in effect through Dec. 15.

Partnering with Docomo Pacific Cares in this campaign is the Consulate General of the Philippines, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Magic 100.3 FM, KKMP, Sorenson Media Group, *Marianas Variety*, and the United Filipino Organization. Guam partners include the *Pacific Daily News*, KTKB 101.9 Megamixx, Filipino Community of Guam, and the Ayuda Foundation.

Monetary donations for this fundraising campaign will be generated through the following:

■ Docomo Pacific mobile customers can donate \$5 by texting "DONATE" to 4357 (HELP). There is no monetary limit and customers can text as many times as they like. Both postpaid and prepaid customers are eligible to participate.

■ Monetary donation boxes will be set up at all Docomo Pacific retail locations.

■ The employee association of Docomo Pacific, DCOMOTION, will also be collecting donations and raising additional monies through various fundraising events.

All proceeds generated in this campaign will be forwarded to the Filipino Community of Guam for coordination with the Ayuda Foundation, the Consulate General of the Philippines, and the Office of the Governor of Guam. Funds will be utilized toward the purchase of much-needed medical supplies to assist the many victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

"We extend our thoughts and prayers to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan," said Tom Valderrama, vice president of marketing for Docomo Pacific. "Our goal is to provide an efficient channel for donations to this relief effort so medical supplies can be quickly distributed to those affected. We thank our partners for their cooperation and urge the community to assist our brothers and sisters in the Philippines."

About Docomo Pacific

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan telecommunications giant, NTT Docomo, Docomo Pacific was originally a merger of Guamcell Communications and HafaTel prior to acquisition in December 2006 by NTT Docomo. This acquisition allowed NTT Docomo the opportunity to share its world-leading technology with the region as evidenced by significant investments and upgrades in Docomo Pacific. **(Docomo)**

Guam senator calls for meeting with farmers

GUAM—Sen. Rory J. Respicio is calling for a roundtable meeting this week with farmers to discuss solutions to the problems facing them due to recent crop damages.

Respicio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; Human & Natural Resources; and Election Reform, will conduct the meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013.

Late last month, Respicio

asked Gov. Eddie B. Calvo to declare a state of emergency and utilize his emergency transfer authority to provide relief to farmers, but the governor would not follow through on the request.

"It is unfortunate that the governor would not act immediately to help our farmers," Respicio said. "I am extremely concerned about the livelihoods of our farmers who have suffered severe losses to their crops due to the recent

inclement weather."

Respicio has invited representatives from the Department of Agriculture, the Guam Economic Development Authority, the Office of Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, the Farmers Cooperative Association of Guam, local farmers and related stakeholders.

The roundtable meeting will be held on Nov. 21, 2013, 10am in the public hearing room of *Liheslaturan Guåhan*. **(PR)**

SOLICITATION TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Recently a motion was filed to reopen Civil Case No. CV-01-0031, *DOE I, et al., v. THE GAP, INC., et al.*, which was granted and Timothy H. Bellas, has been appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands to distribute certain residual funds which were previously held in trust for a contingent liability that never required payment.

Therefore, a residual amount of money exists which, by the terms of the Settlement Agreement in the above entitled case, is to be donated to charity.

As a result, all non-profit organizations, who qualify for charitable status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c), are asked to submit a request for a donation from this Residual Fund. Preference will be given to organizations whose charitable services are available to all members of the CNMI Community.

At a minimum, requests should state: 1) the amount requested; 2) describe what type of charitable activity the organization is involved in and 3) how any funds which may be donated to the organization would be used. Requests from organizations who are not well known as charitable, should also submit evidence of their 501(c) status.

Please send all donation requests to:

Timothy H. Bellas
P.O. Box 502845
Saipan, MP 96950

All requests must be in writing and received no later than December 13, 2013 in order to be considered.

The decision to donate and the amount of such donations are entirely discretionary. This solicitation shall create no rights or obligations in or to any third party. However, a proposed list of donations will be submitted to and is subject to the final approval by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Timothy H. Bellas



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INVITATION TO BID ITB14-GOV-019

REPAIRS, RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TINIAN HEALTH CENTER

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Repairs, Renovation and Improvements of the Tinian Health Center (THC), San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package is available at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A **\$100.00 non-refundable fee** for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project at the project site on **December 06, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., local time**. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 13, 2013** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia, Project Manager at balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com, or to the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Fax Number (670) 664-2408. Responses to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-019"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, December 24, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, December 24, 2013** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@picom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 24, 2013** and must be received no later than **January 06, 2014**. Failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m., local time, January 07, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m., local time, December 24, 2013**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

- Acceptable assets are only:
- 1) Cash
 - 2) US Government Securities
 - 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
 - 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
 - 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

Limtiaco speaks at 2013 Archdiocesan Conference

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, was invited to speak at the "Year of Faith: Opening the Door to Celebrate, Profess, & Witness" 2013 Archdiocesan Catechetical-Liturgical Conference, held at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School in Guam on Sept. 14, 2013.

At the conference, Limtiaco was one of three speakers on the topic of "Protecting Our Children In a Safe Environment." Limtiaco discussed Department of Justice initiatives, including Project Safe Childhood, Project Safe Neighborhoods, and the Diverse Community Outreach.

Launched in May 2006, PSC is a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online sexual exploitation and

abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys Offices, the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the department's Criminal Division, and Internet Crimes Against Children task forces, PSC marshals federal, state and local resources locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. PSC's goal is to educate parents about the potential dangers that their children face online, and warns potential online predators that exploiting a child online is a serious federal offense.

PSN is a nationwide commitment to aggressively prosecute defendants who engage in drug distribution, gang involvement and violent crime.

The purpose of the Diverse

Community Outreach is to increase and improve communication and collaboration between the community and law enforcement. Faith-based community members and consulate offices are invited and participate in the initiatives. Issues discussed at the Diverse Community Outreach meetings include human trafficking, hate crimes and civil rights, immigration, labor, cultural competency, national security, and crime prevention.

Limtiaco also discussed Red Ribbon Week, which is an annual event where communities nationwide join together to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse by wearing a red ribbon from Oct. 23 to 31, which is the National Red Ribbon Week. In Guam,

various activities are scheduled throughout the month of October to celebrate the Red Ribbon Campaign. Guam's Red Ribbon Coalition includes local and federal agencies, and private and non-profit organizations, that have partnered to increase awareness of the National Red Ribbon Campaign's significance and promote a drug-free Guam. The campaign provides communities with a forum to bring together parents, schools and businesses to find new and innovative ways to keep children drug free.

About 900 participants attended the event. Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron and Pale Mike Crisostomo were also guest speakers. The keynote speaker was Fr. Francis Cancro. (USAO)



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From left, Laurie Ogumoro, Guma Esperansa; Debra Inos, CWA; Florine Hofschneider, CWA; U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco; Sarah Thomas-Nededog, WestCare Pacific Islands; Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro, CWA; and Kathleen Tolosa, WCPI.



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U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco is pictured fourth from left with the Rota delegation.

Limtiaco takes part in CNMI Women's Summit

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, was invited to speak at the CNMI Women's Summit held in Susupe, Saipan, on Aug. 1-2, 2013. The CNMI Women's Summit was sponsored by the CNMI Women's Association.

Limtiaco provided an over-

view of human trafficking, including how to identify victims and ways in which the community can assist and provide for the needs of victims. Limtiaco also discussed issues relating to drug abuse, including public awareness and prevention efforts addressing drug abuse among youth and the elderly,

such as the Red Ribbon Campaign and National Prescription Drug Take Back initiative.

Approximately 100 participants attended the CNMI Women's Summit, which also included workshops on various topics, such as Leadership and Women; Education & Training; Effective Communication;

Women in the Labor Force; Business Opportunities; Writing Business Plans; and Language & Culture.

Limtiaco was also invited and conducted outreach on human trafficking issues in an interview by Glenn Manglona, host of the *Marianas Agupa*, a Chamorro radio talk show. (USAO)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 19, 2005

'Babauta needs a miracle'

Admitting a tough electoral fight, top Babauta administration aides said that their ticket, Gov. Juan N. Babauta and Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente, needs a miracle to win this year's elections. "If they win, then it's by divine intervention," said a ranking member of the Babauta Cabinet, who understandably spoke on the condition of anonymity. Another close aide of Babauta, on a separate occasion, echoed the same sentiment, saying that a Babauta-Benavente win at this point can only be had only through "God's mercy."

Two proposals to bring in more tourists

Your Freefire topic entitled "What should the CNMI do to attract more tourists?" is of paramount importance to the CNMI's slumping economy. It compels me to submit two essential proposals that I have been working on for years, hoping for the government and the island community to support them. Due to limited time, I have decided to just submit the project proposals for the two: a proposed cable car from Sugar King Park up to Mount Tapochau and a proposed Bird Island Preservatory Center. These are part of the eco-tourism programs that are attractive, adventurous, and beneficial for both the CNMI and the tourists.

November 19, 2006

Potential IPP may still pay \$22.5M CUC debt

A winning independent power producer may still be asked to pay half the \$45 million that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. owes the Commonwealth Development Authority but, instead of remitting it to CDA, the money would stay with CUC. House Speaker Oscar M. Babauta said this is the latest consensus that is likely to be adopted by the Legislature when passing an amendment bill to the CDA-CUC writeoff law. "Instead of giving it to CDA or capital improvement projects, the IPP would have to pay \$22.5 million to CUC to [subsidize] the utility consumers' fees for 18 months," said Babauta in an interview yesterday. He said this would benefit residential consumers as it may result in reduced utility rates for 18 months.

Bill wants vacation leave hours capped

Several agencies have thrown their support behind a bill to cap the number of vacation leave hours that public employees may accrue, even as government employment offices spot loopholes that could defeat the proposal's purpose of cutting government liabilities. The agencies agreed with the intent of House Bill 15-186, which would limit the accumulation of annual leave at 360 hours a year. Under the bill, anything beyond the cap would be converted into sick leave. The Saipan Mayor's Office, Department of Public Lands, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs—all in support of the bill—touted the bill as a way to reduce government liabilities that arise from accrued annual leave being converted to lump sum payments.

November 19, 2007

Another garment factory closing

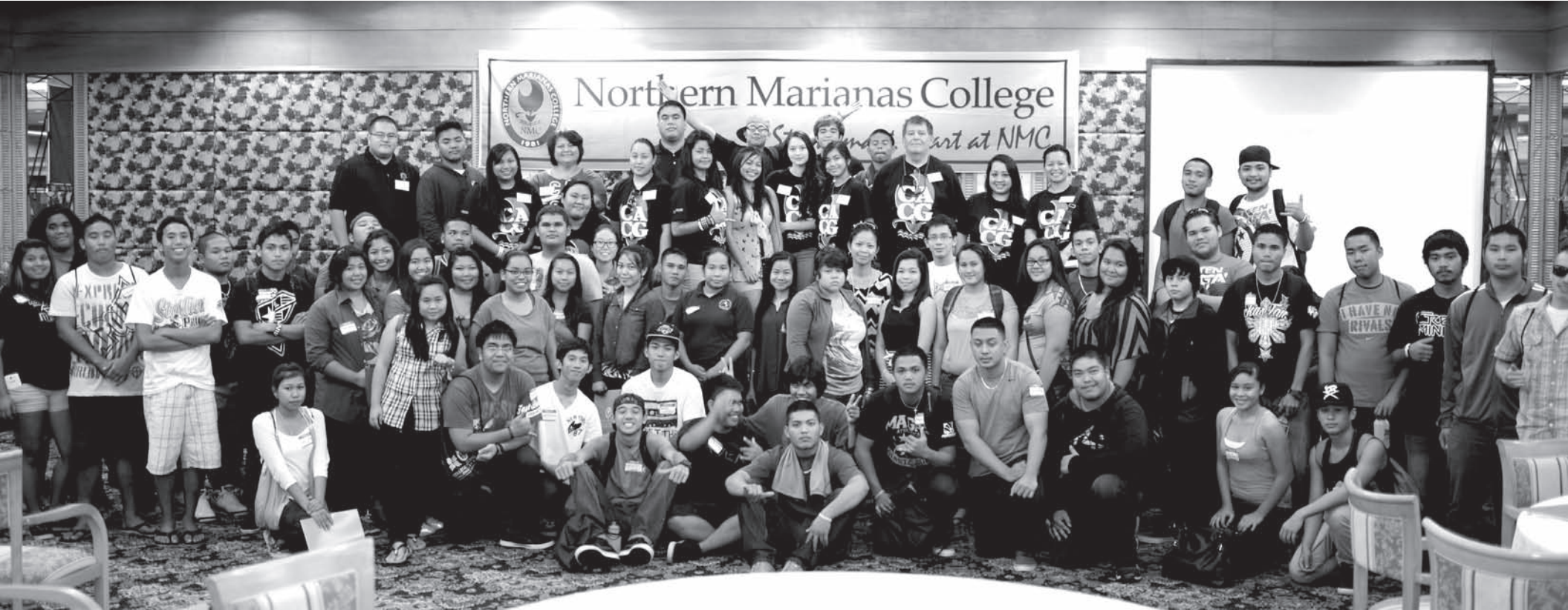
Another garment manufacturer—Sam Kwang Saipan Corp.—is shutting down operations on Saipan by January 2008. The closure will affect 117 alien workers and 23 resident workers. Sam Kwang, through its corporate secretary Jone Suk Park, notified on Friday Department of Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas about the factory's closure effective Jan. 19, 2008. Park said the rising costs of labor, the increased competition from China and other Asian countries, and the increased costs of doing business in the CNMI have made their operations impossible.

Warning out vs fake \$100 bills

The public is being warned to be doubly cautious in receiving dollar bills because of alleged incidents of counterfeit \$100 bills circulating in the CNMI. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has disseminated notices to its members in the business community about fake \$100 bills that are being passed around. "There are counterfeit \$100 bills floating around again," said the Chamber in an e-mail to members. The Chamber is advising its members and the community to make sure that their frontline staff checks the \$100 bills properly before accepting them. The Chamber is also asking members and the community to notify the Department of Public Safety to report individuals who have been trying to pass these bills.

Start Smart Seminar on Tinian

Photos by NMC



Tinian high school juniors and seniors take a group photo with NMC staff at the conclusion of the Start Smart Seminar.

NMC



High school juniors and seniors from Tinian Junior Senior High School try to “untangle” themselves during the Human Knot challenge at the recent Start Smart seminar hosted at the Tinian Dynasty. The event, which was funded by the College Access Challenge Grant program, was created to help students learn about the importance of post-secondary education, finding financial aid for college and succeeding in college.



Resident Director of the Department of Labor in Tinian Wendy Manglona, second from left, answers questions and shares her college experiences with Tinian high school juniors and seniors during the “I’m Graduating, Now What?” portion of the seminar.



Northern Marianas College students and College Access Challenge Grant ambassadors talk about student life and their transition from high school to college with Tinian high school juniors and seniors during the seminar.

NMC student Amanda Santos answers questions about college from Tinian high school juniors and seniors during the “Question and Answer” portion of the seminar.



Star Marianas pilot Jordan Bjostad, far left, answers questions about his college experiences with Tinian high school juniors and seniors during the “I’m Graduating, Now What?” portion of the seminar.



NMC Financial Aid Office representative Joanna Palermo, far right, tests the financial aid knowledge of three Tinian high school students in a round of “Financial Aid Jeopardy.”



Acting governor and Tinian native Jude U. Hofschneider offers words of encouragement to Tinian high school juniors and seniors during the recent Start Smart Seminar.

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

'America's tallest building' goes to New York

It used to be the tallest building in America. It used to be the tallest in the world. It used to be the Sears Tower.

Now Chicago's Willis Tower is second, um, banana to New York's not-yet-completed One World Trade Center, which was declared tallest in the nation Tuesday by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, the official arbiter of disputes over the height of skyscrapers.

Council members from all over the world huddled here last week to decide whether the tower rising from the rubble of Manhattan's ground zero would claim the top spot in the United States.

Yes, this required a panel of experts, and not just because nobody could find a really long tape measure. At issue was whether the pointy thing atop the New York building should count as an architectural element or an antenna.

The council determines the height of a building from the sidewalk to its "architectural top." A spire, mast or other adornment counts as part of the structure. An antenna doesn't.

One World Trade Center aspires to a symbolically significant height of 1,776 feet, including a 408-foot needle piercing the sky. Last year, its developer scratched plans to enclose the needle in a fiberglass-and-steel sheath called a radome. The move saved \$20 million, but it left the building with a topper that looks suspiciously like an antenna.

Without the needle—we can state this confidently without involving a panel of experts—the building would measure 1,368 feet tall. The Willis Tower, minus antennas, is 1,451.

But the council decided the pointy thing is a real part of the New York building, and just like that, Chicago was second again. Don't jump! The earth kept turning after Chicago lost the world's tallest building title to the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1996.

Being named the "tallest in America" is good for little more than bragging rights for the building's tenants and steady tourist traffic for its ground floor gift shop. (If you own a souvenir replica labeled "World's Tallest," be sure to snap up a now-dated "America's Tallest" to go with it.)

That's because the U.S. has all but conceded the skyscraper Olympics to cities like Dubai, Taipei, Hong Kong and Shanghai. Eight of the world's 10 tallest buildings are in the Middle East and Asia. Saudi Arabia's Kingdom Tower, now under construction, will be 3,281 feet tall.

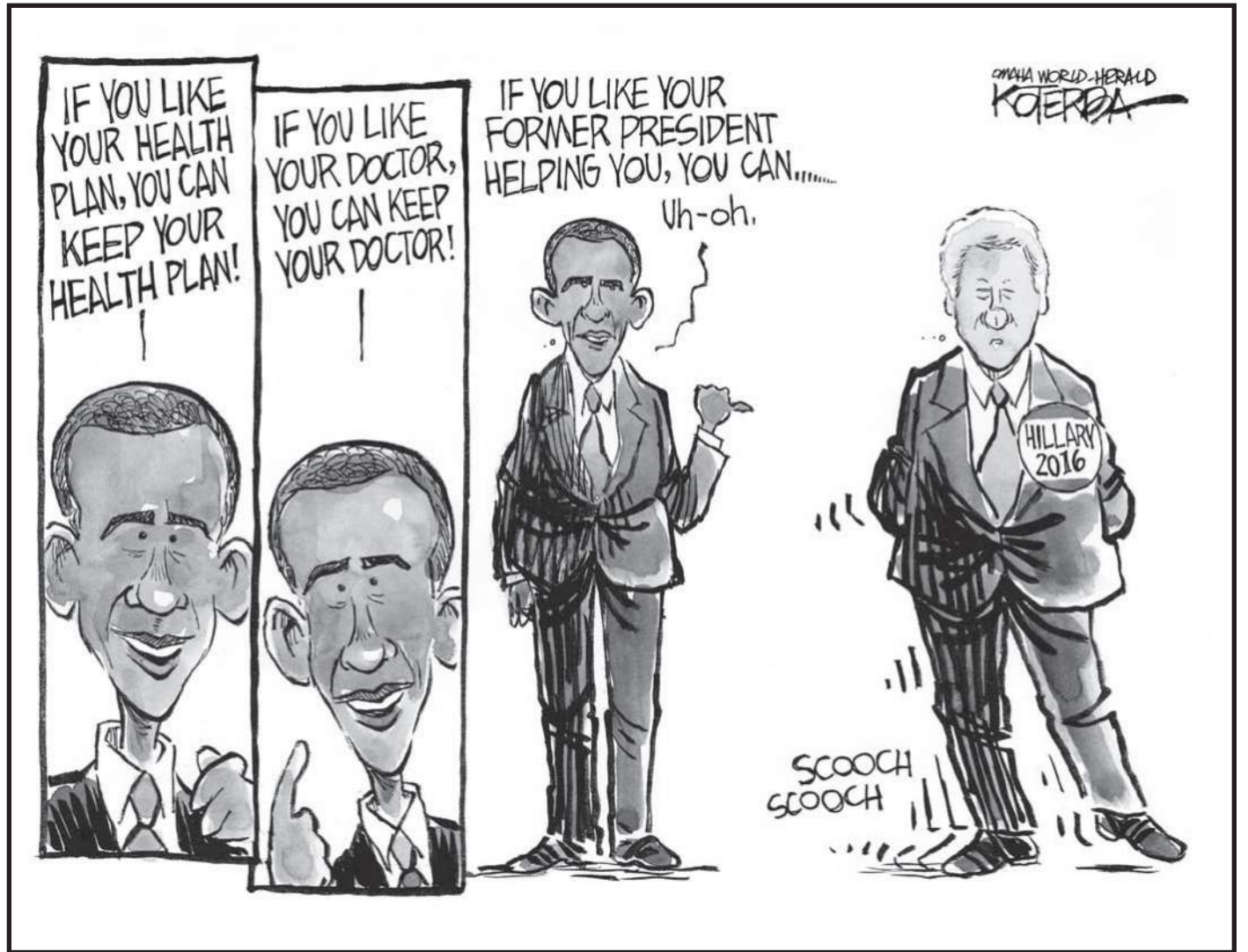
This brings us to the concept of "vanity height"—defined by the council as "the distance between a skyscraper's highest occupiable floor and its architectural top." Anxious to measure up in the international skyline, modern developers are adding height to their buildings by piling them with unusable structures rising hundreds of extra feet.

Dubai's Burj Khalifa—currently the world's tallest building at 2,717 feet—is topped by 800 feet of unusable ornamentation. That means almost 30 percent of the world's tallest building is "vanity height."

New York's Bank of America tower registers 36 percent, according to archdaily.com.

"The average vanity height in the United Arab Emirates is

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In defense of our right to self-government

Editor's Note: The following is the complete text of the remarks the author gave at the Nov. 15, 2013 House session on House Resolution 18-34.

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues:

On July 8, 2013, a request was sent to the U.S. delegate to meet with the Commonwealth Women's Association and explain Section 2109 of the comprehensive immigration reform bill. One month later, his office called back to say he was not available to meet.

On Sept. 18, 2013, a request for comments was issued for House Resolution 18-34, including the U.S. delegate. No comments were received from him.

On Oct. 31, 2013, a request was sent to the U.S. delegate to meet with members of the Northern Marianas Descent Corporation and explain Section 2109 of the comprehensive immigration reform bill. No response was received from him.

How fortunate that now a response has been issued by the delegate, but only to the media. Not to the women, not to the indigenous people, not even to the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. On a matter of importance such as this, clearly our esteemed delegate feels no need to explain to his constituents and to us, the local leaders, the ramifications of this bill. Instead, we have to wait for the reporters to give us, the people of this land, an idea of what this bill will do for our people.

My efforts, since the 1st Commonwealth Legislature, have always been to ensure that no matter what, the interests of our people, the Chamorros and Carolinians, are looked after. In 1975, when I protested against the Covenant with the United States, it was also because we felt we did not have enough information to make an informed decision.

When the negotiators signed the Covenant on Feb. 15, 1975, they were satisfied that the self-government as promised to the Chamorros and Carolinians would remain. The last six years have shown us otherwise.

In 1975, were we aware that at its discretion, the U.S. government could unilaterally take over control of immigration? In 1975, were we aware that at its discretion, the U.S. government could unilaterally take over control of labor? In 1975, were we aware that at its discretion, the U.S. government could unilaterally declare a national marine monument? In 1975, were we aware that we would lose control over 200 miles of our submerged lands? In 1975, were we aware that at its discretion, the U.S. government could unilaterally provide a pathway to citizenship for thousands of people who came here to work, and were never promised a status that would change the way of life for the indigenous people of these islands?

We were told through the media, and not directly by the U.S. del-

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egate, to "be careful what you wish for," because if Section 2109 is removed from Senate Bill 744, it will "open the floodgates to at least 12,000 nonresident workers who will be eligible for a pathway to citizenship." The media also quoted the U.S. delegate as saying that, through this resolution, I am "asking that we allow almost everyone in the NMI to eventually gain status."

Baloney! That is not what I am asking. From day one, what I have been asking is for the U.S. delegate to explain to our people what Section 2109 means in plain English. What I have been asking is for the U.S. delegate to explain the impacts and ramifications of Section 2109 upon the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians. What I have been asking is for the U.S. delegate to communicate openly and transparently his plans with regards to immigration in the CNMI.

Let us for a moment set aside economic issues. Let us for a moment set aside nonresident labor issues. Instead, let us focus on our indigenous people, our needs, our desires, our culture.

In particular, Section 103 of the Covenant provides: "The people of the Northern Mariana Islands will have the right of local self-government, and will govern themselves with respect to internal affairs in accordance with a constitution of their own adoption."

2010 Census data shows that the combined total of the Chamorros and Carolinians of Northern Marianas descent in the CNMI was 15,363, or 29 percent only of the total population of 53,883. If passed, Section 2109 of Senate Bill 744 will have a devastating effect on the Chamorros and Carolinians of Northern Marianas descent, who have always aspired to maintain their autonomy and be self-governing—a right that is guaranteed and protected under the Covenant. Section 2109 will change and disrupt the social, political, and economic livelihood and aspirations of the Chamorros and Carolinians. They will lose control of that right to govern themselves, becoming marginalized in the process. The Chamorros and Carolinians will become a powerless minority in their own native land.

Our right to self-governance, to determine our own destiny, is what Filipino national hero Jose Rizal fought and died for, for the Filipinos. It is a desire reflected in the very similar experiences of the Native Americans of North America, the Fijians, the Aborigines

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Paire na ideu lau lañga`

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Teña `an ha gacha`yu` sige lumauya gi halom hinasoghu, hu baba pa`gu pahinan lebloghu, “Paire na ideu ni man-lañga” para bai` deka` haf` gaige.

Ya ke pot guahu i asuntu, mauleg bai` tutuhon gi tres na petsona ni hu sentuñgu`: Guahu, guahu yan guahu. Entonses...

Haf` `an man-ñiñge` i patgon ta echa “Si Yuus Un` Binendise” lau hagu bumendise? Desde ñgai`an manae` hau atoridat para un` representague`? Paire na ideu lau lañga`.

Kumonfisat hau as pale gi konfisionariu. Ilegmiu na “mañotsut” hau ni isaumu siha. Dispues, un` bira hau ta`lu kumonfisat. Paire na ideu lau che`chu` lañga i kada ratu hau “mañotsut”. Halo?

Mampos hit man-yo`ase` na esta lalache `nai ta pega yine`ase`ta. Pot ihemplo: `nai matai un` tautau ni mamunu` ta sañgan toduminaulegña. Yangin familiamu pininu`, un` sañgan mohon na “mauleg tautau?” Dichu paire lau lañga`.

Hanae`yu` i sinatusan na nanahu un` kanastran nobenan mañantos ya ilegña, “fananayuyot”. Para bai` nabubu hu faisen haye gi

halom i tropa siñayu` umasi`i ni isau-hu. Ni unu! Pues maulegña umahnanau para i Saina sin sumugu` gi bus station. Tatnai sisida.

Mañake i balaku ga` tautau guaka lau i dos petna ha` ha chule`. `Nai malofan gi menan gima` Yuus guminen i tata konsaludu. Lau ha kakatga ha` i sinakeña petnan guaka. Mauleg na intension lau lañga` i doble insuttu gi Saina!

`Nai humuyuñg un` saina ginen i ICU man-bisita hasañgane i familia, “ta aksepta ha”`. Kulan mohon umadiñgan yan i Saina ya masañgane para u fannae` patte. Lañga`!

Yangin i Attikulu Dose magahet na “proteksion”, na ti magahet na i gobietnu obligasioña para u prutehe i gai tanu`? Haf` na proteksion guaha `nai ha chule` guanyu` ni direchoghu dumueñon tano`hu 100 pot 100? Langa` na probision ni debi umapunu` ensegidas.

Kau siña i tano`hu ti tanohu gi mismu tiempu? Estague` bidaña i Attikulu Dose kulan mohon ti ta tuñgu` dumispone tano`ta na maisa. Otru lañga` na modun duenun tanu`! Maila` ta punu` i Attikulu Dose.

Yangin maliñgu i hagas sisteman disposision tanu` praibet guine, pues haye rumesponsasable ni tano`ta siha? Kau in` fañgonfotme yangin ilegña i gobietnu para u ta`lun pumatten ñaihon tano`mu pot guiya gumugu` ot segun i disposision Attikulu Dose?

Sotta i man-dueñon tanu` ya siha u dinispone propiadat niha. Ni unu gi entre sumupopotta i Attikulu Dose u fan gaige yan ayudun niha `nai ginacha` i prohimu gotpe. Pat man-gai bañku hamyu para in` kubre nesessidat i mangai tanu`? Dios mihu fan gai mamahlau!

Dispues, desde ñgai`an na tiempu `nai mañasaunau hamyu gi haf`

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No lie

I read Zaldy Dandan’s editorial, “They lie,” in which he talked about the indigenous presenters in the John Gonzales Show who are members of the Northern Marianas Descent Corp. He described these people as “has-been legislators,” “Fitialites,” and their defense of indigenous traditions and culture as “gibberish” or meaningless and nonsense talk. I also noted his affinity to Delegate Greg Sablan and his adulation of the delegate is that of a diehard fan of an acid rock band.

Poor soul and for obvious reason—he wants U.S. citizenship now, not later with the INS. Zaldy Dandan is a tired and frustrated editor who takes pleasure and salivates in describing the NMDC spokespersons as “has-beens.” If all former leaders of the CNMI are “has-beens” to Zaldy Dandan, then this poor soul is jealous that he is a “never been” and never will be but a tired and frustrated editor.

Zaldy Dandan went on to talk about the workforce that the CNMI needs to keep the economic machinery working. He has a point when he says, “no workers, no economy, no revenue, etc., etc.. Dandan, I believe, intentionally did not include in his editorial the issue of workforce development for the local people. In his heart he does not support local workforce development because he will lose his job, right? So his job is threatened.

You see, I don’t have anything personal against Delegate Greg Sablan who is a distant relative but Dandan is forgetting one important fact that, to my surprise, escaped him, being in the reporting job for decade. That once a person is elected into public office his/

her life is an open book to the public electorate. He/she is judged on each and everything he/she does, good or bad by a standard set by the electorate. Not by Zaldy Dandan’s standard! The CNMI faulted in many areas in its quest to develop its economic strength and quality of life for its people. Weaknesses include: (1) Was and still have the mindset of heavy dependency on foreign labor to sustain its economy; (2) Lack of effort and initiatives to develop the skills of its workforce through workforce programs in academia and vocational trades;(3) Subjected its people to welfare addiction and other federal handouts, more food stamps; and (4) Loss of traditional work ethic and self-reliance ingrained in our culture for the past 2,000 years.

Lastly, Zaldy Dandan says the NMDC presenters claim that Delegate Greg Sablan wants 14,000 foreign workers to become U.S. citizens and that it is a lie. If this is a lie, why has Delegate Sablan been introducing a bill, co-sponsoring a bill, endorsing DOI’s recommendation to Congress and every congressional measure that will grant pathway to U.S. citizenship to foreign workers in the CNMI? No, Zaldy Dandan, it is not a lie and you know it but like any frontline soldier for Delegate Sablan, you will take the bullet for him, which makes you look silly and ridiculous.

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of Australia, the Maori of New Zealand, the Native Hawaiians. Is it mere coincidence that the people of French Polynesia have brought up the issue of independence from France? Is it mere coincidence that our brothers and sisters on Guam formed a Commission on Decolonization to hold a plebiscite? Indigenous peoples around the world have been and continue to question their colonial status.

Are we so beholden to the almighty dollar that we are willing to sacrifice our right to self-government? Are we so beholden to the almighty dollar that we are willing to sacrifice the right of our indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians to control our own destiny?

Let us stop this colonial mentality. I for one am sick and tired of seeing our people continue their acquiescence. We cannot continue to scramble every time arbitrary rules and regulations come from Washington, D.C., with absolutely no respect, no consideration for our unique way of life, our unique culture, and our unique people.

Let us not confuse economic prerogatives with cultural and indigenous imperatives. Let us take care of ourselves first. We have been unable to secure an acceptable standard of living for our people, and now we are being forced to accept these amendments to the Covenant to once again be in line with federal immigration rules? Like we live in Kansas, or Alabama, or Rhode Island, or California?

propiadat familiaghu? Pot fabot na guaha sensian kilisyanu yan respetu gi propiadat otu sudadanu.

Mauleg ta tutuhon umaksepta haf` relasionta yan America taimanu mapluma gi inakonfotman Covenant. Mattu i tiempu `nai debi ta tulaika i konbetsasion. Metgotña banderaña ke pañun achu` Taga` ni rinidonduye mwar. De dios mihu!

Maseha mamatmos gi tasin lañga` i Obamacare, guaha ha` sumupopotta pot hineñggen niha gi presidente. Ti komprendiyon na che`chu` lañga`.

Kulan felis i oriyen tasin Pasifiku lau sessu mama` lañga` i aguagwat na nasion China. Ni unu u seha gi mafattan haf` atmasña. Todu i dos nasion acha-modetnu trastes niha gera desde batku, bala yan ruplanu. Kase ti u apake sa` todum atmos banda kumomprende na mas megaiña benefisiu asuntun relasion ekonomia ke bidan lañga`.

Desde chatagmag klaru na ayu na haane para gofha`an. Hu tutuhon man-bale gi tatten guma. Dispues hu gimen i primet pusuelon kafe ya sigeyu` manaitai gaseta gi komputa. Esta bisiun amku` sa` diariu hu chochogue este. Pa`gu `an malaguyu` fina` chauchau, hu rekunose depattamenton gera para bai` malalade kosake guaha atburotu sa` mampos katma.

I ha`anita todum klasen buruka guaha. Hombre i troñkun niyog malagu` ha` dumeskansa lau kada ratu ginapot hagoña ni mañglu`. De dios mihu!

Guaha siha disposision Saina na esta pa`gu tatnai matulaika. Pot ihemplu, i asut tasi esta pa`gu asusut ha` kulotña. I ha`ane `nai kumulot agaga` aregla hamyu sa` ti u mahñau guaha un` dañkulun ira mamamai`la.

I kinahulu` atdau `an oga`an todum tiempu gaige gi sanhaya. Kumu doku` gi sanlagu, otu señat na lafotte na ira mamamaila`.

`Nai un` totne fugera, manila` ya hana` ma`nana i oriya siha. Yangin ti unna`ye mas hayu, siempre u matai ennaun na guafe. Kulan linala` espirituat `nai malefa hau manayuyot `sino malag i gima` Yuus. Sige kinilili` katkuet kurenta ha` animu estake maliñgu gi fondun tasi.

BUILDING

From Page 10

19 percent, making it the nation with the ‘vainest’ supertall buildings,” the website notes, adding that once One World Trade Center is finished, “New York City will be home to three of the world’s top 10 vanity heights.”

Knock yourself out, New York. Chicago has a much more important architectural challenge on its hands. The Realtor Building—across Michigan Avenue from the Tribune Tower, at the south end of the Magnificent Mile—is due for a major overhaul. Its owners say it soon will be “the next destination building in the iconic Chicago skyline.” That’s good news for the neighborhood.

But what about the Goat? Since 1964, the Billy Goat Tavern has been housed below Michigan Avenue, in a part of the Realtor Building not even visible from the sidewalk. It’s a watering “hole” in the truest sense and the very opposite of vanity height. It must be saved.

Chicago can live without the title of America’s tallest building. But the Billy Goat has to stay.

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of the agreement until the conclusion of the process, then any opportunity for meaningful input is lost.

■ With regard to U.S. proposals, we request that you provide us and the public with summaries of the proposals offered by the U.S. government, so we have a clearer idea of what positions are being advanced on behalf of the U.S. citizenry.

■ We believe reaching that standard requires transparency and sustained, ongoing consultations with the many impacted congressional committees and the public.”

Ironically, Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, these are the exact concerns I have raised with the U.S. delegate, to no avail. I respectfully request the U.S. delegate for more information and transparency with regards to the ramifications of his immigration bill. It is of utmost importance that we communicate with each other in order to be on the same page.

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, the very people we have been elected to protect need our help. As their leaders, I am respectfully asking that you please support the adoption of this resolution, and allow the Chamorros and Carolinians to continue to exercise and enjoy the right to control their destiny.

In closing, let us not forget: *Mit beses yan mäs, Hu saluda hão; Gatbo na Islas Mariãnas, Hu tuna hão / Sangaras faal bwughuwal, Ay tirow ngalugh, Ling ghatchul teel Fahuw Mariãnas, Ay Mwareiti / A thousand times and more, I will honor and salute you, Beautiful islands of the Mariãnas, Glory be to you.*

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲87 ▼76
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼76
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼76
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲84 ▼75

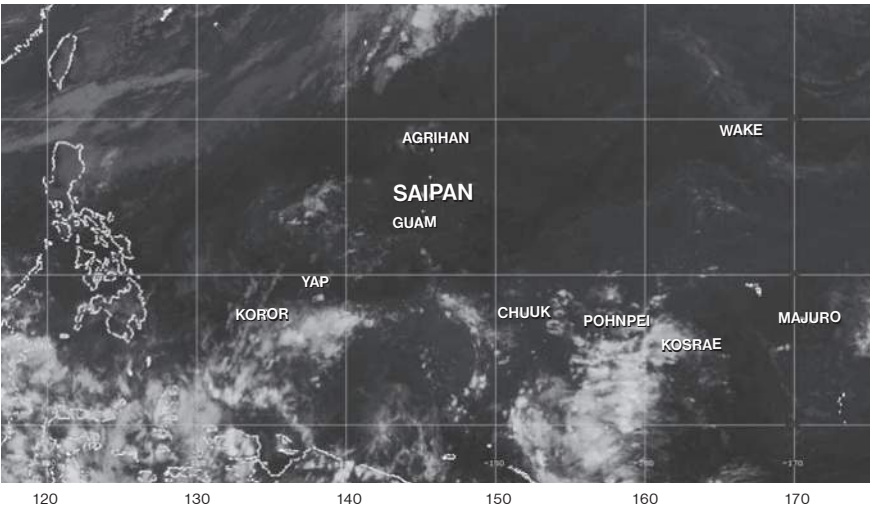
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲71 ▼61
Beijing	Sunny	▲48 ▼27
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲71 ▼64
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼71
London	Sunny	▲41 ▼30
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲67 ▼52
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼52
Miami	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼70
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼39
Osaka	Windy	▲55 ▼47
Paris	Showers	▲44 ▼34
Pusan	Windy	▲57 ▼40
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲61 ▼53
Salem	Rain	▲51 ▼49
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲61 ▼54
Seoul	Windy	▲44 ▼32
Tokyo	Windy	▲59 ▼42
Washington, DC	Windy	▲65 ▼42

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet
9:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front runs southwestward from 25N140E to beyond 130E at 19N. Extensive cloudiness and scattered showers are found along and up to 200 miles northwest of this boundary. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Yap and Koror between 4N and 6N from 135E to 140E, and well south-southwest of Koror between the equator and 3N from 130E to 133E. A weak trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas between 13N and 16N from 137E to 140E. Weak low-level convergence is producing isolated thunderstorms west of Chuuk near 8N149E, east of Chuuk between 7N and 10N from 153E to 154E, and east through south of Pohnpei within 100 miles either side of a line from 1N154E to 1N158E to 6N162E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Majuro between 4N and 9N from 177E to beyond the date line.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:05 PM	7:25 AM
Wednesday	7:54 PM	8:14 AM
Thursday	8:43 PM	9:02 AM
Friday	9:32 PM	9:47 AM
Saturday	10:20 PM	10:30 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 6:05am 8:40am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 DL297 4:30pm 7:20pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:55pm 1:30am+1 1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 1, 4, 5, 7	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 1:50am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Business

Forbes Media puts itself up for sale

NEW YORK (AP)—The president and CEO of Forbes Media says the family owned magazine publisher has put itself up for sale.

In a Friday letter to employees, Mike Perlis said that Forbes Media has received “more than a few” indications of interest from potential buyers.

“The frequency and serious nature of these overtures have brought us to a decision point,” Perlis said in his letter. “We’re organizing a process to test

the waters regarding a sale of Forbes Media.”

As a result, the company has hired Deutsche Bank to represent it and help it explore its options. Perlis said the company expects “numerous suitors.”

Like other magazine publishers, Forbes has dealt with the continued consumer and advertiser shift away from print publications.

But Perlis noted that this year is expected to be company’s best financial performance in

the past six years, helped by growth in digital revenue, along with licensing and conferences. He added that over the past three years the number of unique visitors to Forbes.com has grown to 26 million from 12 million.

Forbes Media, which is controlled by the Forbes family, includes Forbes magazine, which has covered wealth and finance since 1917. It’s known for its annual lists of global billionaires and richest people in America.

Auto loans boom follows car sales surge

By **BRENT SNAVELY**
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A boom in auto loans continues to support a resurgence in U.S. car buying that has hit its highest sales pace since 2007.

The total amount of outstanding auto loans topped \$782.9 billion as of Sept. 30, up \$103 billion from the same period last year, according to Experian Automotive’s quarterly report.

That total is the highest point in seven years, Experian said.

At the same time, the rate of loan payments that are more than 30 days late declined to 2.58 percent as of Sept. 30, compared with 2.67 percent a year ago.

Taken together, the report shows that the lending environment continues to be very healthy for both consumers and automakers, said Melinda Zabritski, Experian’s senior director of automotive lending.

“We’ve got strong growth in portfolios, balances are growing, lenders are growing extremely well, but coupled with that we are still seeing strong payment behavior by consumers,” Zabritski said. “There are some very slight increases in delinquency rates, but at this point they are still very minor.”

According to Experian, the total outstanding balance of

loans among consumers with credit scores below prime only increased slightly to 36 percent as of Sept. 30 from 35.9 percent a year ago.

Also, the lenders and consumers are making better choices with the way they are buying new cars and trucks. In the mid-2000s, millions of consumers took advantage of home equity lines of credit to buy cars. Also, interest rates were higher than they are now.

Zabritski said the availability of credit, combined with consumers’ strong track record of repaying loans, is helping banks justify greater access to loans and helping to boost U.S. automotive sales.

Keep trivial complaints to yourself

QUESTION: I am trying to decide whether I should bring up certain issues during my upcoming performance review. My boss works in another location, so I don’t get many chances to talk with him, and a private phone conversation is impossible in our open office environment.

My first concern involves the staff biographies on our company website. Our manager submits these summaries whenever someone is hired, but I noticed that some have been updated to include recent family events and accomplishments. When I checked my own bio, however, I saw no mention of my children’s activities. This was quite hurtful and upsetting.

The second issue relates to some football tickets that our boss received from a client. Instead of inviting the staff to attend, he shared them with several other managers, which seems very inconsiderate. Do you think I should discuss these concerns during my review?

ANSWER: The answer to your question is a very emphatic no. Because these issues have nothing to do with your work, they have absolutely no place in your performance review. Besides, using the appraisal discussion as a platform for criticizing your

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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boss would be a really stupid career move.

On top of that, your assessment of these events is not exactly rational. Since your manager can hardly be expected to keep up with everyone’s personal life, the staff profiles were undoubtedly updated at the request of those employees. As for the football game, his decision to invite management colleagues was in no way inappropriate.

Unfortunately, the real issue here is your apparent tendency to take things personally and get upset about trivial matters. Extreme hypersensitivity not only damages relationships, but also uses up a great deal of emotional energy that could be put to better use. So instead of giving feedback to your boss, perhaps you should take a long, hard look in the mirror.

Q: My manager has assigned me to work with a difficult person who happens to be my cousin. “Andy” comes in late, takes frequent smoke

breaks, and makes a lot of errors. I believe he is taking advantage of our relationship, so I would like my boss to pair me with a different co-worker. How should I approach him about this?

A: To keep your manager from dismissing these concerns as a family feud, you must be careful to focus on the business issues.

For example: “In working with Andy, I have found that he wastes a lot of time and doesn’t seem to care about quality. Because we’re cousins, he ignores my feedback and expects me to tolerate his goofing off. I believe Andy might work harder with a different partner, so I wondered if you would consider changing our assignments.”

Hopefully, your boss will see the logic in this proposal. But if you and your cousin remain together, just focus on your own work and don’t cover for him. If he continues his slacker ways, Andy’s tenure is likely to be brief.

Nation

Dozens of tornadoes, damaging storms sweep across Midwest



Washington, Ill., firefighters stand in the middle of Devonshire Street on the North side of Washington, Ill., after a tornado leveled at least fifty homes, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013.

WASHINGTON, Ill. (AP)—Dozens of tornadoes and intense thunderstorms swept across the Midwest on Sunday, causing extensive damage in several central Illinois communities, killing at least five people, injuring dozens more and prompting officials at Chicago’s Soldier Field to evacuate the stands and delay the Bears game.

“The whole neighborhood’s gone. The wall of my fireplace is all that is left of my house,” said Michael Perdun, speaking by cellphone from the hard-hit town of Washington, where he said his neighborhood was wiped out in a matter of seconds.

“I stepped outside and I heard it coming. My daughter was already in the basement, so I ran downstairs and grabbed her, crouched in the laundry room and all of a sudden I could see daylight up the stairway and my house was gone.”

An elderly man and his sister were killed when a tornado hit their home around noon in the rural community of New Minden, said coroner Mark Styninger. A third person died in Washington, while two others

perished in Massac county in the far southern part of the state, said Patti Thompson of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. She did not provide details.

By mid-afternoon, with communications difficult and many roads impassable, it remained unclear how many people were killed or hurt by the string of unusually strong late-season tornadoes. In a news release, the Illinois National Guard said it had dispatched 10 firefighters and three vehicles to Washington to assist with immediate search and recovery operations.

Several blocks of houses had been erased from the landscape in the rural community of 16,000, where Illinois State Police Trooper Dustin Pierce said the tornado cut a path from one end of town to the other, knocking down power lines, uprooting trees and rupturing gas lines.

“I went over there immediately after the tornado, walking through the neighborhoods, and I couldn’t even tell what street I was on,” Washington Alderman Tyler Gee told WLS-TV.

“Just completely flattened—some of the neighborhoods here in town, hundreds of homes.”

Among those who lost his home was Curt Zehr, who said he was amazed at the speed with which the tornado turned his farmhouse outside Washington into a mass of rubble scattered over hundreds of yards. His truck was sent flying and landed on a tree that had toppled over.

“They heard the siren... and saw (the tornado) right there and got into the basement,” he said of his wife and adult son who were home at the time. Then, seconds later, when they looked out from their hiding place the house was gone and “the sun was out and right on top of them.”

At OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, spokeswoman Amy Paul said 37 patients had been treated, eight with injuries ranging from broken bones to head injuries that were serious enough to be admitted. Another hospital, Methodist Medical Center in Peoria, treated more than a dozen, but officials there said none of them were seriously injured.

1,800 rare US coins sell for \$23M in NYC auction

NEW YORK (AP)—Nearly 2,000 rare American coins amassed over 90 years by a 102-year-old Missouri collector have sold for \$23 million at a two-day New York City auction.

Heritage Auctions Co-Chairman Jim Halperin says Sunday retired St. Louis law-

yer Eric P. Newman began collecting in the 1930s, only paying about \$7,500 for the 1,800 piece collection.

Halperin says a 1795 U.S. silver dollar in almost pristine condition sold for \$910,625 and another one from 1799 sold for \$822,500 in the online and in-person auction.

He says a rare quarter-dollar from 1796, the first year the denomination was produced by the U.S. Mint, sold for \$1,527,500. He says Newman paid only \$100 for it.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward supporting the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society in Missouri.

Asia

Church services held in typhoon-shattered city

By TODD PITMAN
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TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP)—Hours after the storm hit the Philippines, the Rev. Amadero Alvero was on the streets, sprinkling holy water over the dead and praying for them. By late afternoon, the 44-year-priest had blessed about 50 corpses in the remains of this shattered city.

He then returned to his half-destroyed Santo Nino church and led Mass. On Sunday, Alvero was again overseeing worship at the peach-colored building, leading services for hundreds of survivors of one of the worst storms on record.

"Despite what happened, we still believe in God," he said. "The church may have been destroyed, but our faith is intact, as believers, as a people of God, our faith has not been destroyed."

Sun shone for the first service, but by the second, rain was falling through a gaping hole crisscrossed by wooden beams in the roof of the downtown church and landmark. Its windows were blown out, and winds now snap at a silver cross on top of its steeple, which hangs upside down.

It was one of dozens of churches across the region holding services that were attended by thousands, many homeless and grieving. More than 80 percent of the 90 million people in the Philippines are Roman Catholic, the largest in Asia by far and a legacy of its history of Spanish colonial rule.

Some came to give thanks for surviving. Others to pray for the souls of the departed.

"Coming to Mass gives people hope that things will eventually get better," said Marino Caintic.

Tacloban, a city of 220,000 people, was largely leveled by the Nov. 7 typhoon.

Alvero carried on his work until the fifth day, blessing bodies wherever they lay—in smashed cars or floating in water. He stopped when the smell became too much for him, though he said other priests have continued doing so.

Asked why would God allow a storm so powerful and so deadly to obliterate the region, claiming the lives of so many innocents and causing immense suffering, Alvero used an argument familiar to followers of the Abrahamic faiths.

"We are being tested by God, to see how strong our faith is, to see if our faith is true," he said. "He wants to know that we have faith in him in good times, as well as in bad."

Santo Nino and other churches have also been helping care for those who survived.

About 30 families are living in the church, and there are boxes of water and canned goods and food piled up on the promises. The sea water flooded much of the first floor of the compound.

The Nov. 8 typhoon killed more than 3,500 people and destroyed or damaged hundreds of thousands of homes in what was already a poor region. A major international relief effort, spearheaded by the U.S. military, is underway to assist survivors.

While food, water and shelter, along with medical teams, are now flowing quickly into the region, there is still tremendous need. Reconstructing the region will be a challenge, requiring good leadership and millions of dollars in assistance.

Filipinos elsewhere in Asia also remembered their homeland in their prayers Sunday.

In Hong Kong, home to about 133,000 Filipinos, volunteers outside one church were collecting food, medicine, blankets and clothing to send to the affected region. Most of those working in the city are low-paid domestic workers.

"We can't really afford to give much money, but we can help them by praying," said Jovie Tamayo.

Chelly Oganian said she had been unable to contact her mother and brothers on Samar Island, where the storm made landfall, though she had heard from friends that the village was safe.

"We pray that they are really safe, we pray always," said the 35-year-old. "That's all the things I can do, just pray and trust the Lord, because I'm very far from them. No communications, just praying, praying."

Taking stock of Typhoon Haiyan

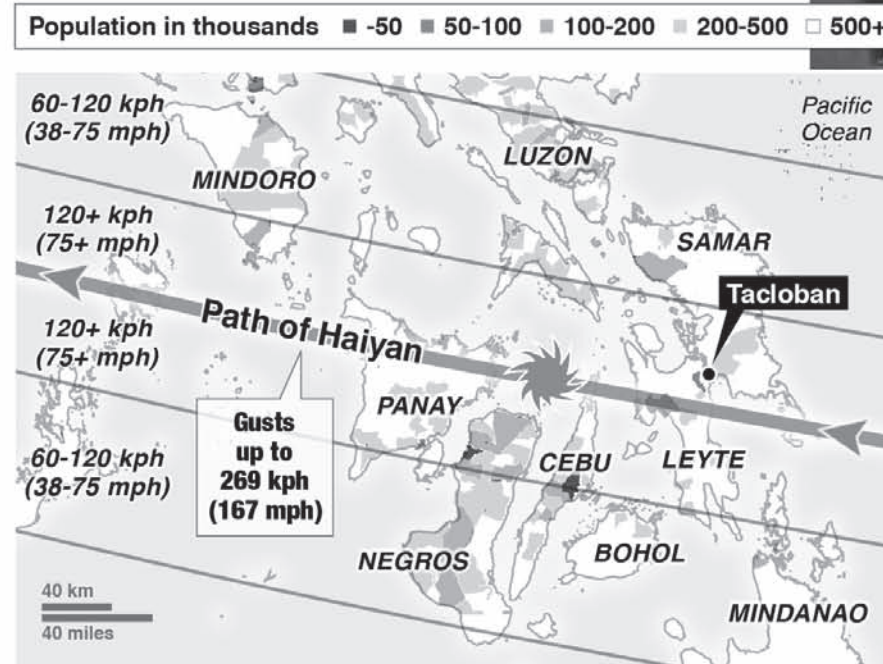
The storm has displaced more than 600,000 people, erasing entire villages. A Japan Meteorological Agency estimate says it was the fourthmost intense tropical cyclone ever observed.

Central Philippines islands devastated

Particularly destructive was the storm surge of up to 16 ft. (5 m), dealing the port city of Tacloban a heavy blow



High winds batter populated areas



Haiyan was powerful, but not as big as first stated

Haiyan was an extremely powerful Category 5 storm when it made landfall on the Philippine island of Samar, but it was fairly compact; Hurricane Katrina's radius of hurricane-force winds was larger in 2005



Detail of damage at Tacloban

Destroyed structures
Heavily damaged
Less than heavy damage

Cancebato Bay

Tacloban

San Pedro Bay

Aid flowing into Philippines typhoon zone

By TERESA CEROJANO
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TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP)—Aid workers, heavy equipment and lifesaving supplies flowed into regions devastated by Typhoon Haiyan on Monday, as a global relief effort moved into high gear.

On the ground, there were further signs that battered communities were beginning to shift from survival mode to one of early recovery: markets were beginning to reopen, though with very limited wares, some gasoline stations were pumping and residents were repairing damaged homes or making temporary shelters out of the remains of their old ones.

“The darkest night is over but it’s not yet 100 percent,” regional military commander Lt. Gen. Roy Deveraturda said.

The Nov. 8 typhoon killed or left missing more than 5,000 people and left 4 million displaced, requiring food, shelter and water.

The first week of the response was inevitable chaotic because airports into the region were damaged and local governance structures shattered.

At the main airport in Tacloban, a pay loader was shifting pallets of water and sacks of rice to trucks. On the main road, teams were shifting debris into trucks.

Military and civilian teams from around the world have arrived to bolster an immediate response by local people and national authorities.

The U.S. government and military have been at the forefront in helping one of its Asian allies.

Washington’s aid arm announced a further \$10 mil-



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Marines secure gear onto a pallet Nov. 10 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during preparation for a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief mission to the Philippines. A forward command element and humanitarian assistance survey team, led by Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, the deputy commander of III Marine Expeditionary Force and the commanding general of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, are deploying to the Philippines from Okinawa to provide an initial assessment on the support required. The initial focus of U.S. relief efforts includes surface maritime search and rescue, airborne maritime SAR, medium-heavy helicopter lift support, fixed-wing lift support and logistics enablers. MCAS Futenma is a mission-ready air station capable of continuous aviation and base operating support for tenant organizations and follow-on U.S., Allied, and United Nations forces during combat or contingency operations in the Western Pacific Theater of operations, to include U.S. Pacific Command, Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

lion, bringing to \$37 million the amount it is committed to spending.

“This will enable us to continue to move ahead with our help on things like the water system, on the logistics,” said USAID assistant administrator Nancy

Lindborg. “We have a steady drumbeat of supplies coming in and being distributed.”

On Sunday, President Benigno Aquino III toured the disaster area and promised to step aid deliveries.

Aquino, seen as reformist

president who had enjoyed considerable public support, has had to deal with a string of crises over the last year.

His administration has been criticized by some over its apparent failure to strictly enforce evacuation orders.

3-day-old girl dies in typhoon-wrecked hospital

By TODD PITMAN
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TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP)—All through her very short life, the parents had squeezed oxygen into her tiny body with a hand-held pump to keep her alive.

In the end, their prayers and whatever little medical care doctors could muster in the typhoon-ravaged hospital were not enough. Althea Mustacia, aged three days, died Saturday.

She was born on Nov. 13, five days after Typhoon Haiyan annihilated a vast swath of the Philippines, killing thousands. The storm’s aftermath is still claiming victims, and Althea was among the latest.

She was born at the government-run Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center, suffering from a condition called newborn asphyxia, a failure to start regular breathing within a minute of birth. The consequences are possible brain damage or death if not corrected quickly.

According to the World Health Organization, newborn asphyxia is one of the leading causes of newborn deaths in de-



AP

Genia Mae Mustacisa pumps oxygen into the lungs of her three-day-old infant in front of the altar of a Catholic chapel inside the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in Tacloban on Saturday Nov. 16, 2013.

veloping countries, accounting for about 20 percent of the infant mortality rate. In the United States, it is the 10th leading cause of infant mortality.

Althea could have been saved had the hospital’s ventilators had been working. But power lines were down in the entire region. There was no electricity and none of the equipment in the hospital—flooded and

wrecked—worked. Not the ventilators, not the incubators, not the suction pumps to feed her oxygen.

Instead, her parents had to push life into her mouth with a hand-held pump connected to an oxygen tank. They took turns to do this continuously since she came into this world without stopping. With her lungs barely functioning, the only sign of life

in the infant was a heartbeat.

But Althea’s fragile body could not cope. Even the heartbeat stopped on Saturday evening, a few hours after an Associated Press team visited the hospital.

The attending physician, Dr. Leslie Rosario, told the AP that her parents wrapped her body in a small blanket and left in tears.

She said the storm had not been a factor in the baby’s problems, noting that insufficient prenatal care most likely complicated the pregnancy for the 18-year-old mother. The baby was not born premature.

Althea was one of the 24 babies at the hospital’s neo-natal ward, which had to be shifted from the ground floor to a chapel one story above because everything on the bottom floor had been ruined by the storm.

The chapel’s 28 pews are now occupied by some mothers, resting with IV drips in their arms.

Until Saturday, the makeshift ward in the chapel had no light except candles. One small fluorescent bulb attached to a diesel generator was hung Saturday in the middle of the room where a few packs of diapers sat on the altar below a picture of Jesus.

Aiding the Philippines

A United Nations plan estimates \$301 million is needed to support the emergency response in the Typhoon Haiyan-ravaged Philippines for the next six months.

Estimated costs, by category type	In millions
Food security	\$76.1
Because cooking supplies and markets are gone, plans include distributing baskets with rice to 2.5 million people	
Emergency shelter	\$45.7
An estimated 13,148 houses have been destroyed and up to 500,000 affected. Tents will be given to displaced people	
Livelihood	\$31.2
Up to 4 million people are now jobless; people would be hired to clear debris and build temporary shelters	
Education	\$24.7
More than 1 million children have been displaced; they need to be located and temporary learning spaces created	
Agriculture	\$24.0
Help some 250,000 households resume farming and fishing activities and regain their livelihoods	
Water and sanitation	\$22.0
Restore water supply and bring in clean water	
Health	\$21.6
Provide care and medical supplies; strengthen disease surveillance and outbreak control	
Early recovery	\$20.0
Remove debris to improve sanitary conditions	
Protection	\$11.7
Keep women, children, the elderly and other vulnerable groups safe; distribute mosquito nets and solar lanterns	
Nutrition	\$7.0
Typhoon-affected areas have high rates of malnutrition; children and women will be screened and treated	
Camp management	\$5.5
Support and expand shelters housing 450,000 people	
Logistics	\$5.0
Assess condition of roads and infrastructure; coordinate road and sea transport and storage of relief supplies	
Communications	\$3.2
Deploy emergency communication centers to provide data and Internet services to humanitarian workers	
Coordination	\$2.6
Mobilize resources through international groups working with municipal, provincial and national authorities	
Security	\$0.5
Provide people, vehicle and logistics support for humanitarian groups in isolated and/or problematic areas	

World

Boeing plane crashes in Russia, 50 on board killed

MOSCOW (AP)—A Boeing 737 jetliner crashed and burst into flames Sunday night while trying to land at the airport in the Russian city of Kazan, killing all 50 people aboard in the latest in a string of deadly crashes across the country.

The Tatarstan Airlines plane was trying to make a second landing attempt when it touched the surface of the runway near the control tower, and was “destroyed and caught fire,” said Sergei Izvolky, the spokesman for the Russian aviation agency.

The Emergencies Ministry said there were 44 passengers and six crew members aboard the evening flight from Moscow and all had been killed. Kazan, a city of about 1.1 million and the capital of the Tatarstan republic, is about 720 kilometers (450 miles) east of the capital.

The ministry released a list of the dead, which included

Irek Minnikhanov, the son of Tatarstan’s governor, and Alexander Antonov, who headed the Tatarstan branch of the Federal Security Service, the main successor agency to the Soviet-era KGB.

Some Russian air crashes have been blamed on the use of aging aircraft, but industry experts point to a number of other problems, including poor crew training, crumbling airports, lax government controls and widespread neglect of safety in the pursuit of profits.

The Emergencies Ministry released photographs from the nighttime scene showing parts of the aircraft and debris scattered across the ground. Ambulances lined up in front of the airport building.

It was not clear why the plane’s first landing attempt was unsuccessful. Boeing said it would provide assistance to the investigation into the cause.

“Boeing’s thoughts are with those affected by the crash,” the company said in a statement on its website.

A journalist who said she had flown on the same aircraft from Kazan to Moscow’s Domodedovo airport earlier in the day told Channel One state television that the landing in Moscow had been frightening because of a strong vibration during the final minutes of the flight.

“When we were landing it was not clear whether there was a strong wind, although in Moscow the weather was fine, or some kind of technical trouble or problem with the flight,” said Lenara Kashafutdinova. “We were blown in different directions, the plane was tossed around. The man sitting next to me was white as a sheet.”

Tatarstan is one of the wealthier regions of Russia because of its large deposits of oil. It is also

is a major manufacturing center, producing trucks, helicopters and planes. About half of the people who live in the republic are ethnic Tatars, most of whom are Muslims.

Russia’s last fatal airliner crash was in December, when a Russian-made Tupolev belonging to Red Wings airline careened off the runway at Moscow’s Vnukovo airport, rolled across a snowy field and slammed into the slope of a nearby highway, breaking into pieces and catching fire. Investigators say equipment failure caused the crash, which killed five people.

A 2011 crash in Yaroslavl that killed 44 people including a professional hockey team was blamed on pilot error. And Russian investigators found that the pilots in two crashes that killed 10 and 47 people in recent years were intoxicated.

German collector hid art out of ‘love’



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Photo provided by the Augsburg, southern Germany, prosecution Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013 shows the painting by French artist Henry Matisse ‘Sitzende Frau’ (‘Sitting Woman’) that was among the more than 1400 art works that were seized by German authorities in an apartment in Munich in February 2012.

BERLIN (AP)—The reclusive German collector who kept a priceless trove of art, possibly including works stolen by the Nazis, hidden for half a century says he did so because he “loved” them and that he wants them back.

Cornelius Gurlitt told German magazine Der Spiegel in an interview published Sunday that he wanted to protect the collection built up by his late father Hildebrand, an art dealer commissioned by the Nazis to sell works that Adolf Hitler’s regime wanted to get rid of. Bavarian authorities say they suspect the elder Gurlitt may have acquired pictures taken from Jews by the Nazis—and that this may lead to restitution claims by the original owners or their heirs.

In his first extensive interview since the case was revealed two weeks ago, Gurlitt told Der Spiegel that everybody needs something to love. “And I loved nothing more in life than my pictures,” the magazine quoted him as saying.

The death of his parents and sister were less painful to him than the loss of the 1,406 paintings, prints and drawings by artists such as Pablo Picasso, Henry Matisse and Max Liebermann that authorities hauled out of his apartment last year, he told the magazine.

Der Spiegel said a reporter spent several days interviewing the collector while he traveled

from his home in Munich to visit a doctor in another city last week.

Officials are investigating whether Gurlitt may have “misappropriated” the pictures or committed tax offenses in connection with them. However, a spokesman for Augsburg prosecutors, who are handling the case, told The Associated Press last week that Germany’s 30-year statute of limitations may prove to be a stumbling block.

Hildebrand Gurlitt died in 1956, and his wife Helene died in 1967. Officials were unaware of their son’s huge collection until a chance customs check three years ago led them to the Munich apartment.

Authorities in Bavaria and Berlin kept the find secret for more than a year and a half. But since the case was revealed by the German magazine Focus two weeks ago they have come under pressure to find a solution that will prevent legal obstacles from standing in the way of rightful claims to the art—particularly if Holocaust survivors or heirs of those persecuted by the Nazis are involved.

Gurlitt told Der Spiegel that he won’t just hand over the art. “I won’t talk to them, and I’m not giving anything back voluntarily, no, no,” he is quoted as saying.

He told the magazine he kept his favorite pictures in a small suitcase. Each evening he would unpack it to admire them. The magazine said he also spoke to the pictures.



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In this photo provided by Russian Emergency Situations Ministry fire fighters and rescuers work at the crash site of a Russian passenger airliner near Kazan, the capital of the Tatarstan republic, about 720 kilometers (450 miles) east of Moscow, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013.

Egypt: Train slams into vehicles, kills 24

CAIRO (AP)—A cargo train traveling south of Egypt’s capital slammed into vehicles crossing the tracks early Monday, killing at least 24 people, many from the same family returning from a wedding party, state TV said.

A medical emergency official, Ahmed el-Ansari, told Nile News TV that 28 people were injured. He said the number of dead may rise but that all victims had been cleared from the scene.

The head of the Giza security sector, Kamal el-Dali, told the

TV station that most of the dead and injured were family members on a bus returning from a wedding in Cairo. El-Dali said the family had been heading to the southern city of Fayyoun. He said the train, which carried construction materials, also hit a small truck coming from the opposite direction.

El-Dali said rescue teams remained at the scene.

A security official said the train was traveling from the southern city of Beni Suef when it hit at least three vehicles near the village of

Dahshur, about 40 kilometers (25 miles) south of Cairo. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

The head of Egypt’s railway, Hussein Zakaria, told the TV station that initial reports indicated the crossing gates of the tracks had been closed and the train’s driver was surprised to see vehicles still crossing.

“What could the guards have done? Stand in front of the bus?” Zakaria said. “The initial reports show no negligence ... We shall wait for the investigation.”

Egypt is notorious for train collisions and has a poor safety record that is mostly blamed on decades of badly maintained equipment.

A year ago, a train crashed into a bus, killing 51 children traveling to school in the governorate of Assiut, some 200 miles (320 kilometers) south of Cairo. The transport minister and the head of the railways resigned following the accident.

That crash also gave ammunition to opponents of then-President Mohammed Morsi who said he had done little to improve lives of ordinary Egyptians. Morsi was ousted in a military coup in July.

Focus

Aid missions boost US troops' image, readiness

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In this photo taken Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, the shadow of a U.S. military helicopter on a disaster relief mission is cast passing over a sign pleading for help near Tacloban, Philippines.

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ABOARD THE USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (AP)—As soon as Navy pilot Matthew Stafford puts his helicopter down in the village of Borongan, he is rushed by dozens of local men who form a line to unload the supplies and water he has flown in from the mothership, the USS George Washington aircraft carrier. Children swarm him as he breaks out a box of sweets.

On the Philippine islands of Leyte and Samar that were shattered by Typhoon Haiyan, there is no doubt about it: the U.S. military has been a godsend. “It is awesome to see this,” says one grateful villager. “They are saving us.”

But while U.S. military support can be critical when disasters like Haiyan strike, staging massive humanitarian relief missions for allies in need isn’t just about being a good neighbor. They can be a strategic and publicity goldmine for U.S. troops whose presence in Asia isn’t always portrayed in such a favorable light—and a powerful warning to countries that aren’t on board.

“These disasters are not unique only to the Philippines. It will send a signal to all of Southeast Asia, to Asia, that the U.S. is serious about its presence

here,” said Philippine political analyst Ramon Casiple. “It’s easy to translate this capability for disaster handling into handling warfare. This is the new orientation of the task forces.”

From the military perspective, humanitarian missions like the ongoing Operation Damayan in the Philippines offer concrete benefits—the chance to operate in far-flung places, build military-to-military alliances and get realistic training—that they may later apply to their primary mission, which will always be fighting and winning wars.

“Crisis response planning is a skillset for the military, so when you have an opportunity to execute crisis response it’s good for your planning team,” said Rear Adm. Mark C. Montgomery, who commands the George Washington strike group, stationed offshore in the Gulf of Leyte. “So, sure, there is a benefit there. But in reality the reason we do this mission is because in the Navy’s list of missions this is one of the significant efforts we plan for.”

In the week since the disaster, the Philippines has started to receive support from military forces around the region. Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia,

Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan have sent aircraft or personnel and more support is expected soon from Brunei, Great Britain, New Zealand and Thailand.

But none has come close to matching the U.S. Equally importantly, America’s regional rival China has not sent any military personnel, and contributed relatively tiny financial aid.

“This is being done in a big way that highlights the meager response of China—that’s the politics there. They’re saying China is not actually your friend in the region,” said Casiple.

“I’m sure China is watching and assessing,” he said. China announced Sunday it is ready to send rescue and medical teams to the Philippines, but did not say when the teams would depart.

For U.S. allies like the Philippines, Vietnam, South Korea, Thailand and to some extent Indonesia, it is an affirmation of the U.S. commitment. For others—Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar who are more closely aligned with China—he said the mission is a not-so-subtle message that the U.S. remains the biggest power in the region.

Within hours of the typhoon, U.S. Marines were on their way from their

bases in Japan to assess the damage and plan out their response. Within days, the George Washington was pulling out of Hong Kong to lead its half-dozen ship battle group to the Gulf of Leyte. By the time they arrived, the U.S. Air Force was already in action.

According to the Marines, U.S. military aircraft have put in nearly 480 flight hours in 186 aircraft sorties, moved nearly 1,200 relief workers into the devastated city of Tacloban and have airlifted nearly 2,900 displaced people from the affected areas. On Saturday alone, they delivered more than 118 tons of food, water and shelter items to Tacloban, Borongan and Guiuan—some of the hardest-hit regions.

More than 600 U.S. military personnel are currently ashore in the Philippines. The USS George Washington strike group adds another 6,200 sailors supporting air operations, and 1,000 Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit are expected to arrive later this week.

“Getting to help people is actually the primary thing that we signed up to do,” Toby Pickens, a Navy rescue diver, said after helping off-lift supplies during

several hours of helicopter operations from the George Washington. “It’s not so much the combat that we are looking for ... Compared to anything else we do, I would say that this is by far the tops.”

U.S. military public affairs offices, meanwhile, have been pushing out a torrent of photos, text updates, videos and media packages to play up that message of friendship and support.

Col. Miguel Okol, a spokesman for the Philippine Air Force, said that while he is grateful to the U.S. assistance, he is also keenly aware that this is a military operation, with military implications.

He noted that by working together on humanitarian missions, U.S. and Filipino soldiers are in effect conducting joint military exercises, such as while operating C-130 transport planes. The U.S. has deployed 15 of them in the Philippines, which has three of its own.

“No country buys these kind of transports” purely for humanitarian purposes, he said as he watched two C-130 transport aircraft, one from each country, unload supplies at Villamor Air Base in Manila.

“Together, now, we are doing real operations,” he said.

Overdrive

3-D printers bring quirky eco-car to life



(MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT)

RedEye On Demand and Stratasys have been selected by Winnipeg-based KOR Ecologic to build the first 3D-printed, production-ready car called Urbee.

By DEE DEPASS
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Kor Ecologic Inc. founder Jim Kor has been described as a shaggy introvert and hermit.

Yet this engineer is out to change the world with the Urbee, a unique hybrid vehicle that dares to be plastic, can zip across the country on 10 gallons of fuel and is manufactured using a sophisticated 3-D printer.

"We want to create the greenest car on Earth," said Kor, who designs tractors and city buses for mass production.

Kor snatched the idea from nature. The Urbee, an electric vehicle with ethanol backup, needed to be light and strong like a falcon and fast like a cheetah. But making this happen took a special 3-D printing technology to deliver strength and speed at a low weight.

By late 2011, Kor and his team had designed their dream. They built the car's body in Stratasys' RedEye 3-D printing factory in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Computers read the design software and "printed" each car part layer by layer. A plastic bumper was born, then a hood and so on. While 3-D printing has long been used to make gears, grilles, tools, parts and

prototypes for other manufacturers, it had never been used to build the entire body of a car.

"It became the first car to have its body 3-D-printed," Kor said. "Now it's the greenest practical car ever made. The Urbee uses eight times less energy than the average little car."

Stratasys, the leader in the 3-D printing world, is thrilled about the vehicle's possibilities. "Without 3-D printing, you can't make a car as efficient as this one," said Stratasys spokesman Joe Hiemenz.

Traditional prototyping takes years of altering designs, tooling and materials. With 3-D printing, designers can tweak details on a computer and click the Print icon.

Once printed, the Urbee car parts were shipped and assembled back in Kor's lab in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They were outfitted with two electric motors and a small ethanol engine. Today, the two-seater, three-wheeled Urbee is on tour. It's in England this month, where science and car enthusiasts are going ga-ga over the vehicle.

"One day all cars will look like this. ... I'd like to license two-and-a-half billion Urbees," Kor said with a laugh, noting that there are only 1 billion cars in the world today. The goal is to commercialize his baby and to sell each one for about \$16,000, the price of a Fiat 500. "We need a sustainable car like this. But it has to be low-priced

and affordable," Kor said.

Two weeks ago, Stratasys customer service supervisor Ashley Voigt hoisted a red Urbee bumper from one of Stratasys' refrigerator-sized printing machines. "This one took a straight day and a half to make. We could have made it faster if we didn't care how it looked," Voigt said. By taking the time to precisely lay each plastic fiber, she got a smooth, high-resolution surface that looks like a finished part.

During an industry conference at Stratasys last month, Kor said he has already designed the Urbee 2. The first-generation Urbee gets 70 miles per gallon of fuel, while the Urbee 2 will get 120 to 290 miles per gallon.

But Kor first needs \$3 million to convert drawings into reality. Fundraising started Oct. 30. If successful, production will begin in 2014 at Stratasys' RedEye 3-D printing factory in Eden Prairie. A cross-country drive from New York to San Francisco is scheduled for 2015. On board will be Kor, his son and dog.

"We'll start with a half-scale model car in 2014. Once we have that tested, we are only a month away from making the full-scale model," Kor said. Because all the design components are in the computer, it doesn't take long to scale up.

Hiemenz said Stratasys is excited by Urbee's possibilities. "Jim is this long-haired

and small-town guy with a great idea. This car can be charged from a garage outlet or with power from a solar panel kit attached to the car."

The Urbee is one of the sexier outcomes of the 3-D printing revolution. Twenty years ago, 3-D plastic "printing" was a garage hobby. Now it's a \$2.2 billion industry enthusiastically embraced by General Electric, General Motors, UPS and others.

"It took 20 years to make \$1 billion. It only took five years to grow to \$2.2 billion. We predict it will take three years to double again" and by 2021 will be a \$10.8 billion industry, said Tim Caffrey, an industry consultant with Wohlers Associates.

With 18,000 customers, 1,600 employees and \$470 million in estimated 2013 revenue, Stratasys is the industry leader. It makes commercial and personal 3-D printers, and has a string of "RedEye by Stratasys" factories that act as third-party contractors for other manufacturers.

"We call it the factory of the future," RedEye general manager Jim Bartel said last month while leading Kor and others on a tour of the 92 machines that print products for customers around the country.

The odorless factory buzzed with a sound akin to an inkjet printer, but these machines dispensed plastic fibers, not ink. "This is literally printing on

demand. So we call this our digital factory," Bartel said. RedEye has facilities in the United States, Belgium, Turkey and Australia, and will soon open a medical equipment printing plant in Shanghai.

Stratasys CEO David Reis said the technology is ideal for quickly turning prototypes or parts for the likes of Kor Ecologic and other manufacturers. Beyond that, he said the compa-

ny is looking at printing metals. "We are in the process of evaluating metal, but if we do it, we would not do this on our own."

As for Kor, he said "no thanks" to metal. For him, the beauty of the Urbee is its aerodynamic and lightweight structure. "We tried metal. We built a clay car. We scanned and simulated the aerodynamics," Kor said.

In the end, the strong plastics proved best.

UNDER THE HOOD

Above and beyond the basic scan tool

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: I just had my SUV repaired for a problem where it would stall and then restart OK. My mechanic showed me the cause, which was a bad crankshaft sensor. He showed me how he found it using a tool under the hood that showed a picture of the bad part's performance. I asked if this was a scan tool, and he said no, it was different. We weren't able to finish the discussion, but it left me wondering what this tool did. I don't think you've mentioned one of these.—Jerry Morgan

ANSWER: My hunch is the tool you saw was a graphing digital multimeter or a digital oscilloscope, which, in simple terms, are in simple terms, voltmeters with pictures. These tools allow technicians to view rapidly changing electrical signals, connected directly to a component or circuit, for amplitude, shape and consistency. Scan tools connect to the vehicle network, allowing communication with various modules, to view information from their perspective.

Scan tools provide a view of stored or pending diagnostic trouble codes, system data—which includes sensor values, output commands, fuel system correction and much more. Also available is system readiness status, which self-tests have run to completion; system and component test results; and a freeze frame of specified engine data recorded as the "check engine" light illuminates. A high-end scan tool can also command engine, transmission, brake and body functions, such as to roll up a window, operate a brake solenoid, or sweep the gauges. Coupled with the vehicle's onboard diagnostics, in terms of codes and data, a scan tool can help determine if a problem is on the incoming side (sensor to computer) or output side (computer to component).

As useful as scan tools may be, the final stage of diagnosis involves the technician directly testing the suggested fault area. Let's take diagnostic trouble code P0336: "crankshaft position sensor A circuit range/performance," obtained from a scan tool. In this case the electrical signal from the sensor is not arriving to the powertrain control module, or PCM, in the correct/anticipated format. The signal could be missing, erratic or out of range or could contain electrical noise, due to a variety of possible faults. This is great general information from the scan tool, but we need to switch to the graphing multimeter or scope to further sort this can of worms.

After consulting service information and procedures, we determine the sensor type, location and test procedures. A visual inspection reveals mechanical aspects: physical mounting, reluctor teeth are present and free of debris, sensor/tooth clearance, wiring and connector look OK. Now it's time to run some electrical tests. T-pins are inserted, or backprobed, into the crankshaft sensor connector and/or the PCM to provide a meter lead connection, and a test is run for a certain electrical waveform shape, often sawtooth or rectangular. The waveform should be of correct height and shape, and not skip or miss as speed, vibration, connector-wiggling or heat is applied. Should the waveform not exist, voltage or resistance checks are made of related wiring or the component, verifying the cause.

Hats off to your tech for taking the time to show you why you needed this service, even if only briefly.

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Life & Style

Nobel author Doris Lessing dies at 94

LONDON (AP)—Doris Lessing emerged from a black cab outside her home in London one day in 2007 and was confronted by a horde of reporters. When told she had won the Nobel Prize, she blinked and retorted “Oh Christ! ... I couldn’t care less.”

That was typical of the independent—and often irascible—author who died Sunday after a long career that included “The Golden Notebook,” a 1962 novel that made her an icon of the women’s movement. Lessing’s books reflected her own improbable journey across the former British Empire, and later her vision of a future ravaged by atomic warfare.

The exact cause of Lessing’s death at her home in London was not immediately disclosed, and her family requested privacy. She was 94.

“Even in very old age she was always intellectually restless, reinventing herself, curious about the changing world around us, always completely inspirational,” her editor at HarperCollins, Nicholas Pearson, said in one of the many tributes.

Lessing explored topics ranging from colonial Africa to dystopian Britain, from the mystery of being female to the unknown worlds of science fiction. In winning the Nobel literature prize, the Swedish Academy praised Lessing for her “skepticism, fire and visionary power.”

The often-polarizing Lessing never saved her fire for the page. The targets of her vocal ire in recent years included former President George W. Bush—“a world calamity”—and modern women—“smug, self-righteous.” She also raised hackles by deeming the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States “not that terrible.”

She remains best known for “The Golden Notebook,” in which heroine Anna Wulf uses four notebooks to bring together the separate parts of her disintegrating life. The novel covers a range of previously unmentionable female conditions—menstruation, orgasms and frigidity—and made Lessing an icon for women’s liberation. But it became so widely talked about and dissected that she later referred to it as a “failure” and “an albatross.”

Published in Britain in 1962, the book did not make it to France or Germany for 14 years because it was considered too inflammatory. When it was published in China in 1993, 80,000 copies sold out in two days.

“It took realism apart from the inside,”



In this April 17, 2006 file photo, Writer Doris Lessing, 86, sits in her home in north London.

from “Martha Quest” to “The Four-Gated City”—works that became her “Children of Violence” series.

Her nonfiction work ranged from “Going Home” in 1957, about her return to Southern Rhodesia, to “Particularly Cats,” a book about her pets, published in 1967.

In the 1950s, Lessing became an honorary member of a writers’ group known as the Angry Young Men who were seen as injecting a radical new energy into British culture. Her home in London became a center not only for novelists, playwrights and critics but also for drifters and loners.

Lessing herself denied being a feminist and said she was not conscious of writing anything particularly inflammatory when she produced “The Golden Notebook.”

Lessing’s early novels decried the dispossession of black Africans by white colonials and criticized South Africa’s apartheid system, prompting the governments of Southern Rhodesia and South Africa to bar her in 1956.

Later governments overturned that order. In June 1995, the same year that she received an honorary degree from Harvard University, she returned to South Africa to see her daughter and grandchildren.

In Britain, Lessing won the Somerset Maugham Award in 1954, and was made a Companion of Honor in 1999. That honor came after she turned down the chance to become a Dame of the British Empire—on the ground that there was no such thing as the British Empire at the time.

Lessing often presented women—herself included—as vain and territorial, and insisted in the introduction for a 1993 reissue that “The Golden Notebook” was not a “trumpet for women’s liberation.”

“I think a lot of romanticizing has gone on with the women’s movement,” she told The Associated Press in a 2006 interview. “Whatever type of behavior women are coming up with, it’s claimed as a victory for feminism—doesn’t matter how bad it is. We don’t seem to go in very much for self-criticism.”

But what about that day with the press camped on her door—a video of which was copied and widely displayed by Twitter followers noting her passing in sadness. Was she really dismissive of the Nobel? Her editor, Pearson, said her reaction corresponded with her personality.

“That was typical Doris. She took things in their stride,” he said. “I think she was delighted.”

Works by author Doris Lessing

LONDON (AP)—When Doris Lessing won the 2007 Nobel Prize in Literature, the Swedish Academy described her as “that epicist of the female experience, who with skepticism, fire and visionary power has subjected a divided civilization to scrutiny.” Here are some of her works:

- “The Grass is Singing” (1950): A tragic novel in which a white woman has an affair with a black man.
- “The Golden Notebook” (1962): A groundbreaking novel that was an early inspiration to feminists.
- “The Memoirs of a Survivor” (1975): A dark novel, set in a world falling apart, which Lessing described as an attempt at autobiography.
- “Under My Skin” (1994): The first volume of her autobiography describes herself as a young girl, watching her parents sitting side by side in front of their house in the Rhodesian countryside, their faces tense and full of anxiety.
- “Mara and Dann” (1999): A fable set in the distant future, thousands and thousands of years after a great ice age has destroyed civilization.
- “On Cats” (2002): A book on the subtleties of feline existence.

when a reporter asked whether the Nobel would generate interest in her work.

“I’m very pleased if I get some new readers,” she said. “Yes, that’s very nice, I hadn’t thought of that.”

Born Doris May Tayler on Oct. 22, 1919, in Persia (now Iran), where her father was a bank manager, Lessing moved to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) aged 5 and lived there until she was 29.

Strong-willed from the start, she read works by Charles Dickens and Rudyard Kipling by age 10 and lived by the motto, “I will not.” Educated at a Roman Catholic girls school in Salisbury (now Harare), she left before finishing high school.

At 19, she married her first husband, Frank Wisdom, with whom she had a son and a daughter. She left that family in her early 20s and became drawn into the Left Book Club, a group of literary communists and socialists headed by Gottfried Lessing, the man who would become her second husband and father her third child.

But Lessing became disillusioned with the communist movement and in 1949, at 30, left her second husband to move to Britain. Along with her young son, Peter, she packed the manuscript of her first novel, “The Grass is Singing.” The novel, which used the story of a woman trapped in a loveless marriage to portray poverty and racism in Southern Rhodesia, was published in 1950 to great success in Europe and the United States.

Lessing then embarked on the first of five deeply autobiographical novels—

MSNBC suspends Alec Baldwin’s show for 2 episodes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alec Baldwin’s new weekly MSNBC talk show was suspended for two episodes after the actor was videotaped using an anti-gay epithet against a photographer during a New York street encounter.

The cable channel didn’t specify the reason it yanked Friday night’s “Up Late with Alec Baldwin” from its schedule this week and next, but the decision came the day after the Thursday run-in.

In a statement on MSNBC’s web-

site, Baldwin wrote that he “did not intend to hurt or offend anyone with my choice of words, but clearly I have—and for that I am deeply sorry.”

He said his actions came as he tried to protect his family—presumably from the photographer—but were unacceptable and undermine “hard-fought rights that I vigorously support.”

The video, which was posted on TMZ, also drew a tweeted apology from Baldwin in which he claimed he

was unaware the term he used was offensive to gays.

MSNBC declined further comment. Baldwin’s representative said in an email Friday night that the actor would decline to comment.

The incident came during the week a Canadian actress was convicted in New York of stalking Baldwin with calls, emails and visits over a two-year period. Genevieve Sabourin was sentenced to six months in jail in addition to a month she’s already serving for

her courtroom outbursts.

Baldwin’s wife, Hilaria, said in a statement afterward that the two “feel safe, relieved and happy to move forward” with the case resolved.

But Baldwin reportedly lost his cool again Friday when a reporter for a New York TV channel asked about the trial and, according to Variety.com, Baldwin called him “dumb.” The exchange took place outside Baldwin’s apartment building, the website said.

Baldwin’s career has included Os-

car and Tony nominations and originating action hero Jack Ryan in the 1990 film “The Hunt for Red October” as well as his Emmy-winning turn on “30 Rock.”

He’s also known for his temper. He was kicked off a plane in 2011 after refusing to stop playing a cellphone game, and he’s gotten into confrontations with news photographers. He and a New York Post lensman filed harassment complaints against each other after an altercation in February, and a Daily News photographer said Baldwin punched him in 2012, which Baldwin denied.

Trial to decide fate of Warhol portrait of Fawcett



This March 5, 1989 file photo shows actors Ryan O'Neal, left, and Farrah Fawcett at the premiere of the film, "Chances Are," in New York.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Andy Warhol's artwork has always grabbed attention and sparked discussion, but one of his portraits of Farrah Fawcett is about to receive scrutiny of a different kind in a Los Angeles courtroom.

The case centers on a relatively simple question: does one of Warhol's depictions of Fawcett belong to her longtime lover, Ryan O'Neal, or should it join its twin at her alma mater, the University of Texas at Austin?

To decide the case, jurors will hear testimony and see evidence focused on Warhol and O'Neal's friendship, his relationship with Fawcett and the actress' final wishes. The panel will likely get insight into Warhol's creation of the Fawcett image, which was based on a Polaroid photo the artist took of the "Charlie's Angels" star in 1980.

The image, one of the main attractions in a 2011 exhibit on portraiture at UT's Blanton Museum of Art, features an unsmiling Fawcett looking out from

the canvas. Warhol painted her lips red and her eyes green in an otherwise uncolored image.

Jury selection in the trial is expected to begin this week, with O'Neal and possibly Fawcett's "Charlie's Angels" co-star Jaclyn Smith taking the witness stand. The case resumes on Wednesday, when lawyers will argue what evidence will be admitted during the trial, which is expected to take two weeks.

Fawcett decreed in her will that all her artwork go to the school, yet O'Neal insists that Warhol gave him a copy of the portrait as a gift and it belongs to him.

Warhol's art continues to garner attention and high prices. His painting of the immediate aftermath of a car crash sold for \$105 million at auction last week, although the value of his Fawcett portrait is at dispute in the case. Estimates range from \$600,000 to more than \$10 million, according to filings in the case.

University of Texas' lawyers contend O'Neal improperly re-

moved the portrait from Fawcett's condominium after her 2009 death. The Oscar-nominated actor had the artwork moved there to prevent it from being damaged by the salty air at his beachside home and had the right to retrieve it, his lawyers argue.

O'Neal has countersued the university, seeking the return of a cloth napkin that Warhol drew hearts on and gave as a gift to Fawcett and the actor.

"It is a precious memento of his life with Ms. Fawcett, the love of his life, with whom he was romantically involved for 30 years up until the time of her death," O'Neal's lawyers wrote in a trial brief. "Because O'Neal's Warhol portrait is an heirloom, he never intends to, nor will sell it."

The university says the case is about honoring Fawcett's final wishes.

"We simply want to honor and respect the charitable intent and wishes of Farrah Fawcett," UT's Vice Chancellor for Ex-

ternal Relations Randa S. Saffady wrote in a statement. "It is indisputable that in Ms. Fawcett's living trust, she named the University of Texas at Austin as the sole beneficiary of all of her works of art, including artwork she created and all objects of art that she owned, for charitable purposes."

Court fights over assets frequently occur and are likely to increase as people gain greater understanding of their rights in estate cases, said Bradford Cohen, an estate and tax attorney in Venable LLC's Los Angeles office.

"What comes up a lot in the estate area is that it's not clear what the intentions of the deceased were and what the deceased owned," Cohen said. "These things get sluggish out a lot in litigation."

Despite Fawcett's notoriety and interest in her and O'Neal's relationship, Cohen said the case really centers on a basic question, "What did she own and where did she want it to go to?"

Jay Z says he'll continue Barneys collaboration

NEW YORK (AP)—Jay Z announced Friday he'll move forward with a planned collaboration with Barneys New York despite recent allegations of racial profiling at the luxury store, an ongoing investigation into the claims and public pressure that he back out of the deal.

In a statement on his website, Jay Z said he'd agreed to move forward with next week's launch of his BNY SCC collection under the condition that he helps lead the store's review of its policies.

"The easy position would have been to walk away and

leave policymaking to others hoping that someone addresses the problem," said Jay Z. "I will take this into my own hands with full power to recommend, review and revise policies and guidelines moving forward. I am choosing to take this head on."

He said 100 percent of sales from the collection of clothes, accessories and jewelry will go toward his charitable foundation, which supports educational opportunities for disadvantaged students, and an additional 10 percent of all Barneys' sales during Wednesday's launch day will also be donated.

Barneys New York said in a statement that it guaranteed raising a minimum of \$1 million Wednesday to be donated to the foundation.

"Barneys New York has zero tolerance for any form of discrimination," the statement said. "As we have stated all along, if we learn any procedures or practices are not consistent with our zero-tolerance policy, we will immediately take corrective action including terminating those employees responsible."

Last month, two black customers separately accused the luxury store of racial profiling after they said they lawfully purchased expensive items but were detained by police on suspicion of credit card fraud.

Trayon Christian sued Barneys, saying he was accused of fraud after using his debit card to buy a \$349 Ferragamo belt in April. Kayla Philips filed a notice of claim saying she would sue after she was stopped by detectives outside the store when she bought a \$2,500 Celine handbag in February.

Rob Brown, an actor who appears on the HBO series



Jay Z

"Treme," also filed a lawsuit in October against Macy's, alleging he'd been similarly detained and questioned after he was stopped for possible credit card fraud while shopping at the department store. Brown is black.

Macy's has said none of its employees were involved in Brown's detention and questioning. On Friday, Barneys said its own investigation has determined none of its employees were involved in stopping Christian or Philips.

An investigation by the state attorney general's office is "ongoing and active," a spokeswoman said Friday.

New York Police Department Commissioner Raymond Kelly has said it is standard practice for retailers to call police if they believe crimes have been committed. The NYPD didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment Friday.

Jay Z's decision to not immediately bow out of his Barneys collaboration when the racial profiling allegations surfaced drew a firestorm of criticism on Twitter and an online petition that urged the rap mogul to bow out.

Box office: 'Best Man' nearly topples 'Thor'

NEW YORK (AP)—In an unlikely battle of sequels, "Thor: The Dark World" bested "The Best Man Holiday" at the box office.

Disney's "Thor: The Dark World" continued its box-office reign with \$38.5 million in its second week of release, according to studio estimates Sunday. Opening 15 years after the original "The Best Man," Universal's "The Best Man Holiday" opened strongly with \$30.6 million.

Drawing an overwhelmingly female and African-American audience, "The Best Man Holiday" was a surprise challenger for the mighty "Thor." The R-rated romantic comedy, with an ensemble cast including Morris Chestnut and Taye Diggs, debuted with more than three times the box office of 1999's "The Best Man." That film opened with \$9 million.

The performance of Malcolm D. Lee's "The Best Man Holiday" continued an ongoing trend. Movies that appeal particularly to black audiences have often been surpassing expectations at the box office.

"It's a familiar refrain, and it's getting a little tired," said Lee. "I thought we had a chance to do something special."

"Lee Daniels' The Butler" led the box office for several weeks in August, leading to a cumulative total of \$115.5 million domestically. The Oscar-contender "12 Years a Slave" has made \$25 million in five weeks of limited release.

Lee said that while black audiences "see everything" at the movies, from action movies to romantic comedies, he hopes broader audiences begin responding to so-called "black films." The audience for "Best



This publicity file photo released by Walt Disney Studios and Marvel shows Chris Hemsworth in a scene from "Thor: The Dark World."

1. **"Thor: The Dark World,"** \$38.5 million (\$52.5 million international).
2. **"The Best Man Holiday,"** \$30.6 million.
3. **"Last Vegas,"** \$8.9 million (\$3.5 million international).
4. **"Free Birds,"** \$8.3 million (\$1.2 million international).
5. **"Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa,"** \$7.7 million (\$5.5 million international).
6. **"Gravity,"** \$6.3 million (\$18.5 million).
7. **"Ender's Game,"** \$6.2 million (\$2.2 million international).
8. **"12 Years a Slave,"** \$4.7 million.
9. **"Captain Phillips,"** \$4.5 million (\$8.4 million international).
10. **"About Time,"** \$3.5 million (\$1.9 million international).

Man Holiday" was 87 percent African-American.

Regardless, a third "Best Man" film now seems a likely bet. "If there is going to be a sequel, it won't take 14 years," granted Lee.

Marvel's Norse superhero, however, has been hammering audiences around the globe. "Thor: The Dark World" made \$52.5 million internationally

over the weekend, bringing its worldwide total to \$479.8 million. With Chris Hemsworth as the title character and Tom Hiddleston as the popular villain Loki, the Thor franchise has proven to be one of Marvel's most successful.

Just as "Thor" approached the half-billion mark, Warner Bros.' space adventure "Gravity" crossed it. In seven weeks of release, "Gravity" has made \$514.9 million globally.

"The Best Man Holiday" was the only new wide-release opening over the weekend, as the marketplace clears out for the release of "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire." In limited release, Alexander Payne's black-and-white Midwest road trip "Nebraska" opened in four locations with a solid \$35,000 per theater average for Paramount Pictures.

Martin Scorsese's "The Wolf of Wall Street" was originally slated to open, but was postponed to Dec. 25 by Paramount.

Expected to be one of the year's biggest debuts, Lionsgate's "Catching Fire" will abruptly close the box-office window for "Thor" next weekend. "Catching Fire" opened in Brazil over the weekend, earning \$6.3 million.

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Journey donates \$350K in typhoon relief

NEW YORK (AP)—Journey is donating \$350,000 to help relief efforts in the Philippines, and its lead singer has a message for his homeland: “Don’t Stop Believin’.”

Arnel Pineda and the rest of the band announced the donation on Friday. It will go to the United Nations World Food Programme, which is providing Filipinos with food assistance. The donation should provide 1.4 million meals.

In a statement, Pineda referenced the group’s famous “Believin’” song and said “help is on the way.”

Journey made the donation along with Live Nation Entertainment, Creative Artists Agency and their manager, John Baruck.

The Philippines were dev-



This Aug. 6, 2013 file photo shows members of the band Journey, from left, Jonathan Cain, Arnel Pineda, and Neal Schon during a panel discussion on the Independent Lens documentary “Don’t Stop Believin’: Everyman’s Journey,” at the PBS Summer 2013 TCA press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

asted by Typhoon Haiyan, which has left more than 3,600 dead and displaced 600,000, according to authorities. Journey is also calling on fans to donate to the cause.

Jolie, Martin moved to tears at Governors Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Angelina Jolie, Steve Martin and Angela Lansbury were moved to tears at the film academy’s fifth annual Governors Awards.

Each of the entertainers accepted honorary Oscar statuettes Saturday at a private dinner at the Hollywood & Highland Center. Italian costume designer Piero Tosi was also honored, but did not attend the ceremony.

Jolie received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. Before guests including Brad Pitt and a man Jolie cited as “my hero,” WWII veteran and Olympian Louis Zamperini, the 38-year-old actress-director became emotional as she thanked her late mother, whom she said inspired her to think of others and give back.

“To stand here today means



Actress and honoree Angelina Jolie accepts her award at the 2013 Governors Awards on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 in Los Angeles.

I did as she asked,” Jolie said. “And if she were alive, she’d be very proud.”

Tom Hanks and Martin Short helped present Martin with his honorary Oscar, which Short described as “the highest honor an actor can receive in mid-November.”

Accepting recognition for his distinguished career, Martin said, “I can’t possibly express how I excited I am tonight, because the Botox is fresh.”

But the 68-year-old got misty eyed as he reflected on the dear friends he’s made during his

five decades in film.

“I knew I wasn’t going to make it through this speech,” he said. “I read it to my dog this morning and wept.”

Lansbury recited a list of her famous co-stars as she accepted her honorary Academy Award: Ingrid Bergman, Bette Davis, Frank Sinatra, Katharine Hepburn, Clark Gable, Lawrence Olivier and Orson Welles. With her two brothers, three children and three grandchildren in tow, the 88-year-old actress’ voice cracked as she thanked movies and acting for rescuing her after

the death of her husband.

She said sharing the Governors Awards ceremony with her family was better than “shivering with hope” during her three Oscar nominations, none of which resulted in statuettes.

“You can’t imagine how happy and proud I feel, really undeserving of this gorgeous golden chap,” she said.

The crowd inside the Ray Dolby Ballroom was like a who’s-who of the upcoming awards season. Besides guests such as Diane Keaton, Octavia Spencer, Geoffrey Rush, Emma Thompson and Harrison Ford were stars of some of the year’s most acclaimed films, including Michael B. Jordan of “Fruitvale Station,” Idris Elba and Naomie Harris of “Mandela: The Long Walk to Freedom,” Chiwetel Ejiofor, Lupita Nyong’o and director Steve McQueen of “12 Years a Slave,” Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto of “Dallas Buyers Club” and Amy Adams and director David O. Russell of “American Hustle.”

The Governors Awards were not televised but portions of the ceremony may be included in the Academy Awards telecast on March 2, 2014.

Netflix revives ‘The Killing’ for final 6 episodes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Netflix says it is reviving “The Killing” after its cancellation by AMC.

A fourth and final season will be available to Netflix subscribers, the streaming service said Friday. Six episodes are planned to give the crime drama a “proper send-off,” Netflix executive Cindy Holland said in a statement.

Stars Mireille Enos and Joel Kinnaman will return to the crime drama for its conclusion, producer Fox Television Studios said.

“The Killing,” based on a Danish series and developed by Veena Sud, has had a rocky history. AMC canceled it after a second-year ratings slump, reversed its decision and then



In this publicity image released by AMC, Mireille Enos is shown in a scene from “The Killing.”

axed it again after the third season aired in the summer.

Netflix said the final six epi-

sodes of “The Killing” will be available for instant viewing but didn’t announce the release date.

Woman dating younger man should take it slow for now

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am attracted to a man who is 27 years my junior. He is also attracted to me because he initiated our meeting. We have gone out a few times, and he says he doesn’t care about our age difference. He has also mentioned us living together and said he would gladly pay half the expenses even though I make more than he does.



Dear Abby

Is this appropriate in today’s society? I don’t look much older than he does. But I’m from a generation in which this kind of thing would be looked down upon. Still, I realize that the world has changed, and I feel a strong attraction to him. I would appreciate any advice you can give me.

HIS OLDER WOMAN IN MARYLAND

DEAR OLDER WOMAN: In many ways the world has changed. However, I assume that you socialize with couples and individuals in your age group, and this may cost you some of those relationships because your friends may be uncomfortable with the age difference.

I have printed letters from couples involved in successful May-December relationships in which the age made little difference. But I would suggest that you let this relationship develop a little further before deciding whether to move in together, and age has nothing to do with it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend I have known for 15 years. We have been through a lot together and have grown through all of our changes. However, her wardrobe hasn’t changed. She still dresses like Betty White’s character in “The Golden Girls” from the 1980s.

She is in a fragile state right now because of her recent divorce. How do I tell her to lose the shoulder pads so she can meet a stud?

WARDROBE MISTRESS IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR WARDROBE MISTRESS: While your impulse to help your friend is laudable, it would be a mistake to suggest she change her image while she is in a “fragile state.” Let some time pass, and THEN make a date for a day of fun, fashion, beauty and some shopping. When she’s stronger and feeling better about herself, mention that now she’s a free woman starting a new life, a new image would help with the transition.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for nine months, and I found out that about three months ago he got nude photos from another girl. I don’t do that. I am hurt and torn on what to do. Please help.

BETRAYED IN OHIO

DEAR BETRAYED: If there are no other red flags, don’t waste your time being jealous. Take a lesson from this: The other girl gave him nude pictures of herself, but he’s still with you. If he should ask you to give him similar photos of yourself, don’t do it, because you will gain nothing and could lose a lot of privacy.

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DEAR ABBY: At sporting events when everyone is asked to remove their hats for the national anthem, does this include females? We attend NFL football games and our grandson’s soccer games, and it annoys me when I see women leave their hats on. Doesn’t “everyone” also include them? Shouldn’t they do this to show their respect for our flag and country?

STICKLER IN FLORIDA

DEAR STICKLER: Whether a woman’s hat should be removed depends on where it is being worn. In a theater or at a wedding, the hat should be removed as a courtesy if it blocks someone’s view. At a sporting event, a casual hat should be taken off when the anthem is playing. However, at more formal events, if the hat is part of the woman’s ensemble, it usually stays in place.

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**Sony sells over
1M PlayStation
4s in first day**

NEW YORK (AP)—Sony says it sold more than 1 million of its PlayStation 4 video game consoles during their first 24 hours on the market.

The consoles went on sale Friday in the U.S. and Canada. Andrew House, president and group CEO for Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., said in a release Sunday that sales remain strong in North America. The company will launch the gaming system in Europe and Latin America on Nov. 29.

Sony has said it expects to sell 5 million units by the end of its fiscal year in March.

The PlayStation 4 is Sony’s first new video game console in seven years. It faces competition from Microsoft Corp.’s new Xbox One, which goes on sale this week.

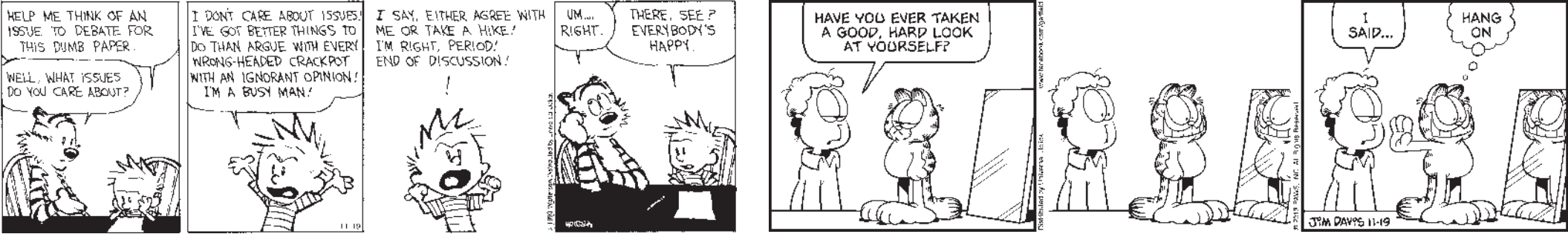
Video game systems are also now competing against tablets, smartphones and other gadgets for the attention of gamers.

Pastimes

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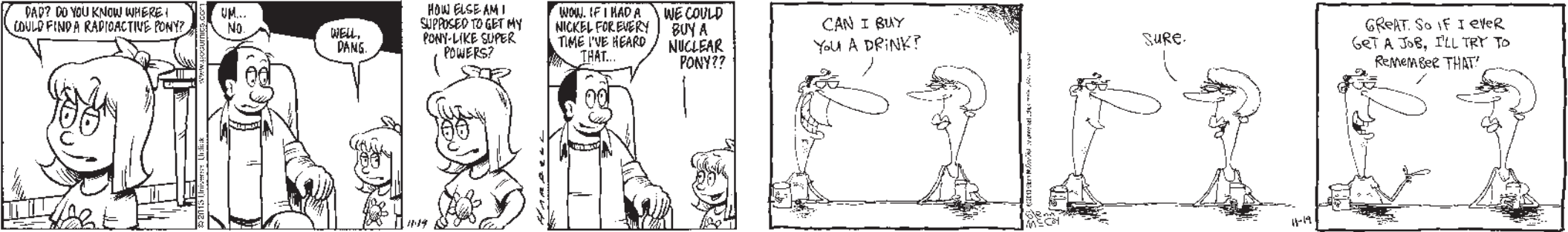
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ACROSS

1 Discard uncere-mious-ly

5 "There!"

9 Char-lotte's creation

12 Pound of poetry

13 Cupid's alias

14 Shade

15 Zinger

17 Play-wright Levin

18 Mary's follower

19 "Breaking Bad" actor Paul

21 Com-mand-ment verb

24 Carbon com-pound

25 Dalai —

26 Nut

30 Hearty brew

31 Gaggle birds

DOWN

1 Morning

2 Subma-chine gun

3 "—

4 Saffron-and-rice recipe

5 Expres-sion

6 Speedy steed

7 "What's up, —?"

8 Scornfully

9 Eddy

10 Continen-tal coin

11 Noggin

16 Feline

20 Fine, to NASA

21 High-five, basically

22 Head light?

23 Deep purple stones

24 Simple

26 Animation frames

27 Prot. or Cath.

28 Killer whale

29 Stepped (on)

31 Large African antelope

34 School-kids' transport

35 Hymns of praise

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jodie Foster, 51; Meg Ryan, 52; Allison Janney, 54; Ann Curry, 57.

Happy Birthday: When it comes to personal or professional investments, contracts or deals that can affect your status, don't let your impulsiveness take over. Hidden matters are likely to twist situations around over time, leaving you in an awkward position if you are too willing to offer your time or money to an ongoing situation. Keep everything relaxed and simple. Your numbers are 8, 12, 20, 27, 35, 42, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work on relationships. Set up rules and responsibilities and keep equality in mind. Think about the changes you want to make with regard to where or how you live. Back away from anyone who has been dragging you down. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Express your ideas through your actions. Take ideas from your past and revamp and reuse to fit your current needs. A personal relationship, along with a plan you want to pursue, should be developed and put into play. Love is highlighted. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Disillusionment will surface regarding a job or task you have to perform. Make any adjustments required to ensure that you get things right the first time around. Uncertainty will need straight communication to be resolved. Anger will create delays. ***

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A unique change at home will add to your comfort and please someone you love. Invest in an idea that allows you to use your skills in unusual ways. Get involved in events that allow you to interact with people who have something to offer. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Face situations head-on. Expect to meet with opposition and be prepared to make the changes necessary to accommodate the results you want to see. Strive to make room for new endeavors. ***

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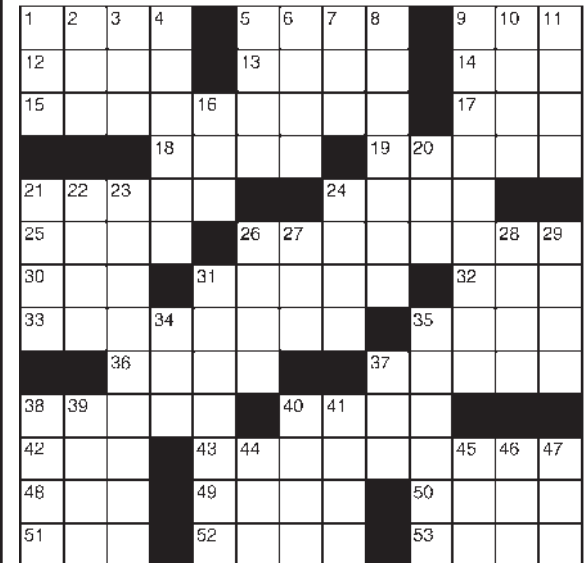
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accommodate others and you will end up getting exactly what you want. Your ability to charm and maneuver your own ideas into place will lead to an interesting and prosperous partnership. Don't pay for someone else's mistake. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't share your plans with others if you want to avoid meddling. A partnership will be under pressure due to the changes you feel are important to your emotional well-being. Tempers are likely to escalate if you are too vocal. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A partnership will suffer if you cannot agree on the changes you want to make, neglect your responsibilities or renege on a promise. A sudden change of heart can be expected if you don't hold up your end of a bargain. **

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Jordan Hill leads Lakers past Pistons



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jordan Hill barely played for coach Mike D'Antoni when they were together with the New York Knicks four years ago, and he started this season on D'Antoni's bench again with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Hill has quickly made it impossible for D'Antoni to keep him off the court while the Lakers chase wins without Kobe Bryant.

Hill had career highs of 24 points and 17 rebounds, and Jodie Meeks and Nick Young scored 19 points apiece in the Lakers' 114-99 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Sunday night.

Steve Blake had nine points and 16 assists for the Lakers, who made a late surge for just their second victory in six games. Los Angeles scored 16 consecutive points in a rally spanning the third and fourth quarters, holding Detroit without a field goal for more than five minutes.

Hill extended his impressive start to the season with another high-energy effort down low. Five days after moving into the starting lineup and promptly hitting his career high with 21 points against New Orleans, Hill surpassed that mark and his previous best rebounding game with relentless work against the Pistons' imposing front line.

"I get more confidence every time I step on the floor," said Hill, who washed out in New York and Houston before hitting his NBA stride with the Lakers over the past two seasons.

"We don't have Steve Nash. We don't have Kobe. We've got guys that we know have to step up. We're banding together as a team."

Los Angeles scored the final 10 points of the third quarter, taking a 79-71 lead into the fourth on consecutive 3-point-



Los Angeles Lakers center Jordan Hill, right, puts up a shot as Detroit Pistons center Andre Drummond, lower left, defends while center Pau Gasol, of Spain, looks on during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, in Los Angeles.

ers by Young and a buzzer-beating turnaround jumper by Jordan Farmar. Strong playmaking by Blake and Farmar catalyzed the rally, which continued with the first six points of the fourth.

"It's going to take that type of effort to win games," said Pau Gasol, who had 12 points, nine rebounds and seven assists. "We need everybody to chip in and play well."

Detroit missed six field-goal attempts and three free throws during the Lakers' rally. Los Angeles stretched its lead to 106-87 on Meeks' 3-pointer with 3:26 to play, building a lead too big to be threatened by Brandon Jennings' four consecutive 3-pointers late.

D'Antoni began the season with Shawne Williams - another former New York forward - in

the lineup alongside Gasol. Hill took over the starting spot, but he also excels when the Lakers go small, using Hill in Gasol's place as their nominal center.

"He's playing as hard as he can play," D'Antoni said. "He's got talent, and he's getting better. ... I think he's just more confident and more everything - and more minutes."

Jennings scored 23 points and Andre Drummond had 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Pistons, who have lost five of six. Greg Monroe had 17 points and seven rebounds for Detroit, which has lost 38 of its past 40 road games against Western Conference teams.

Josh Smith scored 18 for the Pistons, who went 1-3 on their four-game West Coast road swing. Playing without injured

guards Will Bynum and Chauncey Billups, Detroit got 16 points off the bench from Rodney Stuckey, but struggled offensively midway through the second half of an otherwise even game.

"We knew going into the game that they would spread the floor with the 3-point shooting," Detroit coach Maurice Cheeks said. "They got some pick-and-rolls that had some guys diving to the rim, and that opened up the 3-point shooting. We had some chances to score and missed some easy shots and some foul shots, and they were able to extend their lead."

Detroit made more than 62 percent of its shots and led for most of an uneventful first half that was punctuated by Jennings' lob pass off the backboard to Drummond for a rim-

shaking dunk late in the second quarter.

"It was like playing against a clone of myself," Drummond said of his matchup with Hill. "I stopped moving, and he got the offensive rebounds because he was constantly moving and grinding the whole game. He runs around and plays hard. He played a hell of a game."

After playing 12 games in 20 days to open the regular season, the Lakers get the next four days off to recover. They'll probably practice with Bryant, who returned Saturday for his first workout with his teammates since tearing his Achilles tendon in April.

Grizzlies 97, Kings 86

In Sacramento, Zach Randolph scored nine of his 22 points in

the fourth quarter and also had 10 rebounds to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a 97-86 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday.

The Grizzlies led by 20 points in the third quarter and survived a second-half rally by the Kings to win their second straight on their four-game road trip that includes tough games Monday against the Clippers and Wednesday at Golden State.

Marc Gasol had 19 points, nine assists and eight rebounds for the Grizzlies. Mike Conley also had 19 points and nine assists, and Tony Allen added 12 points.

Travis Outlaw scored a season-high 18 points for the Kings, who have lost two straight and seven of eight. Isaiah Thomas added 15 points and Marcus Thornton had 12.

Kings center DeMarcus Cousins, who came into the game averaging 22.8 points, had nine points in 19 minutes. Cousins and the rest of the Kings starters sat out the final 19 1/2 minutes.

Trail Blazers 118, Raptors 110 OT

In Toronto, LaMarcus Aldridge and Damian Lillard each scored 25 points, Nicolas Batum added 24, and the Portland Trail Blazers won their sixth straight with a 118-110 overtime victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

Lillard was 3 for 3 from the floor in the extra period as the Blazers escaped after blowing a 17-point lead in regulation.

Rudy Gay forced overtime with a buzzer-beating layup and tied a season high with 30 points to go with 10 rebounds. DeMar DeRozan scored 29 points and Jonas Valanciunas added a season-high 19.

The Blazers made a season-high 15 3-pointers, finishing 15 for 32 from beyond the arc. Toronto made just three.

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP)—Soaked in sweat, champagne and success, Jimmie Johnson celebrated yet another NASCAR championship by sipping a beer.

A six-pack would have been more appropriate.

Back on top with only two NASCAR legends left to catch, Johnson won his sixth title in eight years Sunday to stake his claim as one of the most dominant competitors in sports history. Now looming large in Johnson's windshield is the mark of seven titles held by Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt.

The party had barely started on No. 6 when the debate began: Where does Johnson, who on-and-off for two years has used the hashtag '6Pack' on Twitter to describe his bid for this title, rank among NASCAR's greats?

"I feel like this team is capable of a lot of great things. There's still great years ahead of us," Johnson said. "But all

Johnson wins 6th NASCAR championship

of that is in the future, a seventh, an eighth. I don't want to focus on that yet. It's not time."

The time to rank Johnson will be when his driving career is over. But at just 38 and the youngest driver to win six titles, his career could last another decade or more.

"I have six, and we'll see if I can get seven," Johnson said. "Time will tell. I think we need to save the argument until I hang up the helmet, then it's worth the argument. Let's wait until I hang up the helmet until we really start thinking about this."

Said crew chief Chad Knaus, who trails only Dale Inman's eight championships in the NASCAR record books: "I don't think we're even close to the potential of the team yet."

That should be devastating news to the rest of NASCAR.

There's no telling how many drivers might have won titles had

they not competed against Johnson and his Hendrick Motorsports team. The loser this year was Matt Kenseth, who 10 years removed from his only NASCAR championship had a career year but still came up short.

"Unfortunately, we're racing during the Jimmie Johnson era," said Denny Hamlin, winner of Sunday's race. Hamlin lost the 2010 title to Johnson.

"We're just unlucky in that sense. I think being out there and racing with him, I can say he's the best that there ever was."

Johnson, needing only to finish 23rd or better to spoil Kenseth's dream season, was on cruise control most of the day at Homestead. His lone hiccup came when traffic stacked-up on a restart and he and Kenseth made slight contact, causing

Johnson to plunge 15 spots in the field with damage to his fender.

Yet he still rallied to finish ninth and beat Kenseth for the title by 19 points.

"He is an amazing talent, there's no doubt about it," Knaus said. "He can do things with a race car that most mortals can't. Let's just be straight

with it."

Kenseth, needing a Johnson collapse to have any shot at the title, positioned himself to pounce should anything go awry. Kenseth led a race-high 144 laps and finished second to Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Hamlin.

"It was just unbelievable year for us. Obviously, we wanted to win the championship as good as we ran all year," said Kenseth, winner of seven races in his first season with JGR.

Kenseth's effort just

wasn't enough against a Hendrick Motorsports team that wouldn't be denied for a third consecutive year.

"If Jimmie would have got a flat or something, that would have been all right," Kenseth lamented. "Never seen anything like this in the sport and probably never will again. ... Maybe he'll retire."

Johnson won a record five straight titles from 2006 through 2010, was mathematically eliminated before the 2011 finale, but was back in the title hunt last season. Only he had a tire failure in the penultimate race at Phoenix and then a mechanical failure in the finale to lose the championship to Brad Keselowski.

His two-year drought is over, and his crew was ready for the party on the South Beach.

"You better get a sip of that (water) bottle, it's the only

healthy liquid you're going to get all night," Knaus radioed Johnson after he crossed the finish line.

Johnson planned to savor every moment of the celebration and his championship reign.

"This is extremely sweet. I feel like those five years were a blur. And things happen so fast," Johnson said. "It's not that I didn't enjoy it or appreciate it or respect what happened. It just went by so fast it seems like. Now, I'm really going to slow things down here and enjoy it. This is so, so sweet."

It was just as special for Hamlin, who bounced back from a fractured vertebra earlier this season that sidelined him for over a month. Hamlin hasn't been the same since, and Sunday's victory, his first of the year, extended his winning streak to eight seasons.

"Is the year over yet?" a grinning Hamlin asked in Victory Lane. "Man, I wanted to keep that streak alive."



Manning lifts Broncos to victory over KC



DENVER (AP) — Peyton Manning walked off the field showing no trace of a limp and hardly a spot of dirt.

Manning threw for 323 yards and a touchdown Sunday night and was barely touched by Kansas City's sack-happy defense in Denver's 27-17 victory over the NFL's last undefeated team.

It means the '72 Dolphins can rest easy for another year. And it puts Denver and the Chiefs in a tie atop the AFC West at 9-1, with a rematch set in two weeks.

Manning has another big game before that - at New England in yet another showdown against Tom Brady. If the Broncos' offensive line does anywhere near as good a job in that one as it did against the Chiefs, the quarterback's ailing ankles—mummified with athletic tape after taking a beating the last couple of weeks—should be feeling much better.

"They were under fire last week because Peyton got hit a few times but they've done a great job all year," said Broncos interim coach Jack Del Rio, now 2-0 while John Fox recovers from heart surgery. "We knew this was going to be a game you had to play well in the trenches to have a chance."

With Lindsey Vonn and boyfriend Tiger Woods on the sideline to watch the NFL's must-see game of the year, the Denver offensive line, featuring tackles Chris Clark and Orlando Franklin, shut out Kansas City's sack duo of Justin Houston and Tamba Hali along with the rest of the KC defense, which came in with a league-leading 36 sacks.

"Our plan was to get to the quarterback but the ball is coming out quick," Hali said. "He did a great job and their team did a great job protecting him."

Bears 23, Ravens 20

In Chicago, Robbie Gould kicked a 38-yard field goal to lift the Chicago Bears to a 23-20 victory over Baltimore on Sunday in a game delayed about two hours by a torrential downpour.

Justin Tucker tied it for the Ravens with a 21-yard field goal at the end of regulation.

The big delay came after Tucker kicked a 52-yard field goal with 4:51 remaining in the first quarter. Fans were ordered to take cover. Players headed to the locker rooms as heavy rains and winds whipped through Soldier Field. They emerged about two hours later with the sky clearing and the sun coming out, but the rain and wind returned in the third quarter, turning the stands into a sea of ponchos.

Gould won it with a 38-yarder on third-and-8 with 8:41 left in OT.

Saints 23, 49ers 20

In New Orleans, Marques Colston capped a record-setting day with a 20-yard reception to get the Saints into field



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) hits Kansas City Chiefs inside linebacker Derrick Johnson (56) low after Johnson recovered a fumble in the first quarter of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, in Denver.

goal range, and Garrett Hartley kicked a 31-yarder as time expired, lifting New Orleans over San Francisco.

Hartley, who had missed four field goals in the Saints' previous three games, made all three of his field goal attempts in the fourth quarter — he earlier hit from 21 and 42 yards. The Saints (8-2) overcame three turnovers, a failed fourth down conversion and a 20-14 deficit.

Colston finished with five catches for 80 yards to become the Saints' all-time leader in yards receiving with 7,923, passing Eric Martin's two-decade-old mark of 7,854.

Eagles 24, Redskins 16

In Philadelphia, Nick Foles threw for 298 yards and ran for a touchdown, LeSean McCoy had two TDs rushing as Philadelphia snapped a 10-game home losing streak.

A year after finishing 4-12 under Andy Reid, Chip Kelly's Eagles (6-5) are first in the NFC East. They're a half-game ahead of idle Dallas (5-5). The defending division champion Redskins fell to 3-7.

The Eagles hadn't won at the Linc in 413 days since defeating the New York Giants on Sept. 30, 2012.

Down 24-0 in the fourth quarter, the Redskins rallied behind Robert Griffin III's TD passes of 62 yards to Darrel Young and 41 yards to Aldrick Robinson and both 2-point conversions.

Bengals 40, Browns 21

In Cincinnati, Andy Dalton

threw two touchdown passes as Cincinnati returned a blocked punt and a fumble for touchdowns during a 31-point second quarter that set a Bengals record and swept the AFC North leaders over Cleveland.

The Bengals (7-4) head into their bye week with their division lead intact. They'd lost their last two games in overtime, tying the NFL record and allowing the Browns (4-6) to draw close.

Dalton had a horrid start that helped Cleveland get a promising early lead. He threw two passes that were picked off by Joe Haden, who ran one of them back 29 yards for a touchdown and a 13-0 lead in the first quarter.

Steelers 37, Lions 27

In Pittsburgh, Ben Roethlisberger passed for 367 yards and four touchdowns, including two in the final 5 minutes as Pittsburgh rallied to beat Detroit.

Antonio Brown caught seven passes for 147 yards and two scores and Pittsburgh's defense rebounded from a horrific second quarter to shut out Detroit in the second half. The Steelers (4-6) have won two straight and kept the Lions (6-4) winless in Pittsburgh for 58 years and counting.

Matthew Stafford threw for 362 yards with two touchdowns and an interception to become the Lions' all-time leading passer. Calvin Johnson hauled in six passes for 179 yards and both scores, but Detroit's two stars disappeared over the final 30 minutes.

Bills 37, Jets 14

In Orchard Park, Jairus Byrd had two interceptions in leading a Buffalo defense that forced four turnovers in a victory over the Jets.

Kyle Williams had two sacks and forced a fumble, and Da'Norris Searcy returned Geno Smith's third interception 32 yards for a touchdown. Buffalo (4-7) snapped a three-game skid and won for only the second time in seven games.

Buffalo's EJ Manuel won Round 2 of the AFC East showdown of rookie quarterbacks by finishing 20 of 28 for 245 yards passing and two scores.

Smith struggled in blustery conditions, finishing 8 of 23 for 103 yards four turnovers — including a lost fumble — before being yanked in favor of Matt Simms after three quarters.

Raiders 28, Texans 23

In Houston, rookie Matt McGloin threw three touchdown passes in his first NFL start as Oakland extended Houston's franchise-record skid to eight games in Texans coach Gary Kubiak's return from a mini-stroke.

McGloin, an undrafted free agent, was 18 of 32 for 197 yards in place of an injured Terrelle Pryor.

Kubiak wasn't on the sidelines, instead coaching upstairs from the booth on doctor's orders two weeks after collapsing at halftime of Houston's game against Indianapolis.

Houston (2-8) had a chance to take the lead late. But Matt

Schaub's pass to Andre Johnson on fourth down from the 8 was broken up in the end zone to give Oakland (4-6) the win.

Cardinals 27, Jaguars 14

In Jacksonville, Carson Palmer threw for 419 yards and two scores and did not throw an interception for the first time all year, leading Arizona over Jacksonville.

Michael Floyd had a career-high 193 yards receiving, including a 91-yard touchdown on a catch-and-run. Will Blackmon was beaten on the play, and then slipped off the receiver and rolled into cornerback Alan Ball to set Floyd free the rest of the way.

The Cardinals (6-4) won their third straight game.

The Jaguars (1-9) at least scored a touchdown at home for the first time this year. On fourth-and-2 from the 38 on the opening drive, Chad Henne found tight end Danny Noble behind the defense for a 62-yard score.

Buccaneers 41, Falcons 28

In Tampa, Bobby Rainey rushed for 163 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead Tampa Bay over struggling Atlanta.

A waiver wire pickup who's filling in for the injured Doug Martin and Mike James, Rainey scored on first-half runs of 43 and 3 yards. He caught a 4-yard TD pass from Mike Glennon in the third quarter to help the Bucs (2-8) win for the second straight time following an 0-8 start.

The Falcons (2-8) have lost

four straight by a combined score of 135-61.

The 5-foot-8, 212-pound Rainey also ran for 45 yards and scored the go-ahead touchdown in a 22-19 victory over Miami the previous week.

Giants 27, Packers 13

In New Jersey, Defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul scored on a spectacular, leaping 24-yard fourth-quarter interception return as the resurgent Giants won their fourth game in a row by beating slumping and injured-riddled Green Bay.

Eli Manning threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Rueben Randle and Brandon Jacobs added a 1-yard run as the Giants (4-6) handed the Packers (5-5) their third straight loss, their longest skid since a five-game losing streak near the end of 2008.

Two of the three losses have come with quarterback Aaron Rodgers sidelined with a broken collarbone.

Seahawks 41, Vikings 20

In Seattle, Percy Harvin made an impact in his season debut, returning a kickoff 58 yards late in the first half to set up Russell Wilson's 19-yard touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin as the Seahawks rolled to their franchise-record 13th straight home win by beating Minnesota.

Harvin made his anticipated Seattle debut after missing the first 10 weeks of the regular season following hip surgery. His kickoff return proved one of the biggest plays as Seahawks improved to 10-1 and stayed on top of the NFC heading into their bye week.

Wilson and Marshawn Lynch wouldn't let Harvin's debut take the entire spotlight. Wilson had two touchdown passes, while Lynch had two touchdowns running and one receiving.

Dolphins 20, Chargers 16

In Florida, Miami held San Diego without a touchdown over the final three quarters as Brent Grimes broke up Philip Rivers' final pass in the end zone as time expired.

The victory gave the Dolphins something to celebrate amid a harassment scandal that has raised questions about the team's locker room culture. An NFL special investigator will question players this week about what might have happened between Jonathan Martin and Richie Incognito.

Ryan Tannehill threw for 268 yards, including a 39-yard score to Charles Clay, who broke two tackles on the play. Miami managed 104 yards rushing behind a makeshift line.

The Dolphins (5-5) won for only the second time in the past seven games. The Chargers (4-6) lost their third game in a row to further hurt their chances of an AFC wild-card berth.

Rios keen on handing Pacquiao another loss

BOXING Brandon Rios is ready to end the career of Manny Pacquiao when they clash in Macau on Saturday night.

Pacquiao has won world titles at eight different weights, however he has tasted defeat in his past two fights. The 35-year-old suffered a controversial points loss to Timothy Bradley, followed by a devastating sixth-round knockout to Juan Manuel Marquez.

And Rios is determined to make it three in a row and force Pacquiao to hang up his gloves for good.

“I’m young, I’m hungry and I want it,” said Rios, who has previously held the WBA lightweight title. “I want the success.

“Pacquiao has done great. No one can say he didn’t because he won world titles at eight weights. But it’s time he should call it quits. It’s time for me. “I want to beat the best to be the best and to be recognized as one of the best. And so that’s why I’m going to win,” Rios said.

Rios has suffered just one defeat in his 33-fight career, losing his rematch to Mike Alvarado on points just five months after he had stopped him in an eliminator for the WBO light-welter-weight title.

However Rios will move up to welterweight for a shot at Pacquiao and he claims he is comfortable fighting at 10st 7lbs.

“Yeah it’s a step up in weight, but 147 is not going to be any factor,” he said.

“I’m probably stronger at 147. I



Brandon Rios, right, and Manny Pacquiao, seen here posing for a photo during a promotion of their fight, will clash in Macau this Saturday night.

think 147 is my natural weight.

“I think I’m going to stay here for a while now. I don’t see that I’m going to go down to 140 again. I can make 140 easily but why make 140 if you can stay at 147? So I think it is a natural weight. I’m ready.”

Pacquiao will be battling Rios and getting back into the ring after year-long layoff

“The year off has been good and I am very excited to get back in the ring and fight and to do it for the fans,” Pacquiao said in a recent conference call. “I feel very fresh, strong and fast.”

A fresh, strong, fast and successful Pacquiao helps the sport. In his two recent performances, especially the loss against Marquez, he looked vulnerable. Marquez floored Pacquiao twice, in-

cluding the fight-finishing punch that sent Pacquiao face-first to the canvas, where he briefly lay motionless after the fight ended.

“That’s boxing—sometimes you win and sometimes you lose,” Pacquiao said. “I am not going to complain or worry about what happened. I forgot already what happened.”

Pacquiao (54-5-2, 38 KOs) believes

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victory over Antonia Reyes.

In the women’s open doubles finals, Guam’s Michelle Pan teamed up with CNMI junior player Carol Lee in beating Lopez and Rastguiry, 6-4, 6-3.

Also gaining a two-set win in the

women’s over 40 doubles finale were the tandem of Sally Lee and tournament director Lydian Tan, who cleaned up Joy Minor and Letty Jones, 6-4, 6-3. Lee and Tan booked a finals ticket after a 6-4, 6-2 semis win over Sakiko Eda and Chiharu Sato, while the other Final Four pairing saw Minor and Jones ousting Marivic

Rosario and Tisha Ferrer, 6-2, 6-2.

In the women’s 3.0 doubles, the championship plaques went to Julia Ishikawa and Malika Miyawaki, who labored a 7-6 (7-5) win in the first set against Tania Tan and Grace Choi before cruising to a 6-0 victory in the second. Choi and Tan made it to the finals after sweeping Reyes and Tinney in the

semis, while Ishikawa and Miyawaki also needed only two sets to win their Final Four tiff versus mother and daughter Ayumi and Conatsu Kaga, 6-1, 6-2.

Besides the women’s singles and doubles, the men’s singles and doubles were also played over the weekend and results will be published in *Saipan Tribune* later this week.

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only team tournament of the year. Traders Insurance vice president Malou Mendoza and her daughter Krizia and the company’s chief operating officer and general manager Ernesto Licop attended the ceremony and turned over the \$1,500 check to NMBA president Jerry Tan last Wednesday. Also present to witness the ceremony were NMBA secretary Merlie Tolentino and treasurer Shirley Kim.

“On behalf of the NMBA and its board members, we would like to extend our gratitude to Traders Insurance

for their continued support to this unique tournament that showcases the best team spirit from the participating clubs,” Tan said.

The NMBA president added the Traders Insurance tournament is the longest running competition of the association and he acknowledged the Mendozas’ support in the early events the association put up to develop the sport in the CNMI.

Krizia agreed that her parents—Malou and Lito—are truly committed and passionate about badminton and other events that promote an active and health lifestyle and Traders Insurance

wanted to be part of that commitment. Krizia also assured NMBA that they will continue to support the association’s season-finale competition.

Licop echoed Krizia’s statement, saying that Traders Insurance is aware of the increasing number of players getting into badminton and the company hopes to continue its contribution to the development of the sport in the CNMI by hosting a tournament every year.

This year’s Traders Insurance tournament will have the fast-rising Community Badminton Club challenging back-to-back champion Saipan Badminton Club. CBC was formed only

early this year and is bannered by the island’s youth players. It has shown strong performances in the past NMBA competitions and is expected to give SBC a run for its money. Others competing this weekend are TAGA Badminton Club, Golden Racquets, and Shirley’s Badminton Club.

Clubs that will be paired in each outing will play 10 games and after the round-robin preliminaries, the Top 2 teams will battle for the championship, while the No. 3 and 4 finishers will duke it out for the third spot. This year’s competition will feature singles, doubles, and mixed doubles games.

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able for the second game of the night. All the 12 players of San Antonio made it to the scoreboard and with its full roster, the team dominated the game from start to finish.

Three players drilled at least two field goals each for San Antonio in the opening canto to lead Natural Mystic, 19-11. The advantage ballooned to twin digits by the end of the first half, 39-24, as San Antonio continued to get contributions from every player it fielded in the match

Then in the second half, Natural Mystic failed to launch a big comeback, as

it clearly lacked manpower to overhaul San Antonio’s double-digit lead.

In the first game, Kixx Engine Oil also benefited from the depleted crew of NMI Contractor, which suited up in the curtain-raiser with only five players.

Despite its shorthanded roster, NMI Contractor managed to keep Kixx within striking distance in the first half, as the former fell behind by only four at halftime, 31-35. NMI Contractor stayed afloat in the opening half behind the 13 points of Perry Inos.

However, in the third quarter NMI Contractor finally paid the price for having a five-man crew, as it failed to fight back against Kixx. Kixx doubled up NMI Contractor in the third canto,

22-11, to open a 57-42 advantage.

Kixx never relinquished the double-digit margin from thereon with Ed Pangelinan putting the finishing touches to the 19-point win after canning back-to-back triples in the fourth. Pangelinan top-scored for Kixx with his 24 points, while his three other teammates also had twin digits in scoring. Dick Tibayan made 16 points, while Junar Guiab and Jun Patawaran chipped in 14 and 10, respectively. Rocyl Ritual paced NMI Contractor with his 20 points, while Inos added 18.

NMI Contractor absorbed its fourth straight defeat, while Kixx ended a two-game slide and improved to a 2-3 card in Pool B.

First Game

Kixx Engine Oil 83 – Pangelinan 24, Tibayan 16, Guiab 14, Patawaran 10, Ebuen 9, Farinas 6.

NMI Contractor 62 – Ritual 20, Inos 18, Brennan 12, Echavez 6, Leo-mo 6.

Scoring by quarters: 23-16, 35-31, 57-42, 83-62.

San Antonio 70 – Alegre 14, Cadiang 10, Espinosa 8, Aranda 7, Salem 7, Caro 6, J.P. Villanueva 4, Mungcal 4, Je. Villanueva 4, Manaluz 2.

Natural Mystic 52 – Reyes 14, Ulloa 12, Pangelinan 8, Cangco 4, Kaipat 4, Ogarto 3.

Scoring by quarters: 19-11, 39-24, 55-52, 70-52.

Rios is the ideal opponent in his bid to snap the two-fight losing streak. Although known for his pressure and busy volume punching, Rios (31-1, 23 KOs) has never fought above the 140-pound weight class.

“That’s what I want, his style of fighting,” Pacquiao said. “He likes to come inside and I like that style. I don’t like to chase and I’m pretty sure I won’t have to chase him.”

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	—
Toronto	4	7	.364	1
Boston	4	7	.364	1
New York	3	6	.333	1
Brooklyn	3	6	.333	1

Southeast Division				
Miami	7	3	.700	—
Atlanta	6	4	.600	1
Charlotte	5	5	.500	2
Orlando	4	6	.400	3
Washington	2	7	.222	4½

Central Division				
Indiana	9	1	.900	—
Chicago	5	3	.625	3
Cleveland	4	7	.364	5½
Detroit	3	6	.333	5½
Milwaukee	2	7	.222	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
San Antonio	9	1	.900	—
Houston	7	4	.636	2½
Dallas	6	4	.600	3
Memphis	5	5	.500	4
New Orleans	4	6	.400	5

Northwest Division				
Portland	8	2	.800	—
Oklahoma City	6	3	.667	1½
Minnesota	7	4	.636	1½
Denver	4	5	.444	3½
Utah	1	10	.091	7½

Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	7	3	.700	—
Golden State	7	3	.700	—
Phoenix	5	4	.556	1½
L.A. Lakers	5	7	.417	3
Sacramento	2	7	.222	4½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	234 175
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	183 268
Miami	5	5	0	.500	213 225
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	236 273

South					
Indianapolis	7	3	0	.700	252 220
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	227 226
Houston	2	8	0	.200	193 276
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	129 318

North					
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	275 206
Pittsburgh	4	6	0	.400	216 245
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	208 212
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192 238

West					
Denver	9	1	0	.900	398 255
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	232 138
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	194 246
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	228 222

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	276 260
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	274 258
N.Y. Giants	4	6	0	.400	192 256
Washington	3	7	0	.300	246 311

South					
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	288 183
Carolina	6	3	0	.667	214 115
Tampa Bay	2	8	0	.200	193 237
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	214 292

North					
Detroit	6	4	0	.600	265 253
Chicago	6	4	0	.600	282 267
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	258 239
Minnesota	2	8	0	.200	240 320

West					
Seattle	10	1	0	.909	306 179
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	247 178
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	214 212
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	224 234

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MHS vs MCS in MISO Girls Basketball League Finals

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Marianas High School's Dianne Pablo goes for a reverse layup against Mt. Carmel School's Michelle Kautz during the second quarter of their game in the MISO girls caging finals last Saturday at the MHS Gymnasium.



MHS' Kyla Ito is sandwiched by Mt. Carmel School's Kaylani Lebria, left, and Richelle Kautz.



MHS' Mikayla Lopez tries to keep her balance against the defense of Mt. Carmel School's Amy Taylor.



Mt Carmel School's Jan Travilla pulls up for a jumper.



MHS' Negahr Rastguiy dribbles closer to the basket.



MHS' Gabrielle Race beats two Mt. Carmel School players in the battle for the rebound.



Mt.Carmel School's Richelle Kautz drives against several MHS defenders.



Mt. Carmel School's Kaylani Lebria dribbles past MHS' Mikayla Lopez.



Mt.Carmel School's Michelle Kautz is fouled by MHS' Dianne Pablo.



MHS coach Preston Basa huddles with his players.



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leads Lakers
past Pistons**

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Minor reclaims women's open tiara

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The CNMI's No. 1 U18 player Thea Minor got her sweet revenge against Mikayla Lopez, winning their title duel in the 5th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2013 last Sunday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Minor swept Lopez in the women's open singles finale last weekend, 6-1, 6-4, to regain the championship the latter stole from the former last season. Lopez topped last year's round-robin women's open singles after

beating Minor, 4-6, 6-3, 10-6, and Guam's Camdyn Nadler, 6-1, 6-1. Before losing to Lopez in the 2012 finals, Minor ruled the first

two women's open singles competitions in the annual tournament, prevailing in the inaugural event in 2009 against Laila Mailman and thwarting Lopez in 2011. In 2010, Minor joined the co-ed open singles, but bowed to CNMI coach Jeff Race in the opening round. Malaysia's Ji Kent Kwah ruled the 2010 event after downing Peter Loyola in the finals.

This year's title match in the wom-



en's open singles was Minor's only game in the division, as she earned a free finals pass after winning via forfeiture over Negahr Rastguir. In the other semis pairing, Lopez defeated Carol Lee in the opening set, 6-2, and was ahead in the second, 4-1, when the latter retired due to an injury.

Meanwhile, two other female players were crowned champions in the second and final week of the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic, while three pairs notched doubles titles.

In the women's 4.0 singles, Thea's older sister, Thecel triumphed over Liza Atalig, 6-0, 6-0, and Julia Ishikawa, 6-1, 6-1, to bag the championship. Ishikawa settled for runner-up honors after sweeping Atalig, 6-2, 6-2.

In the women's 2.0 singles, Malika Miyawaki made short work of Tania Tan, winning their title showdown in two sets, 6-4, 6-0. Miyawaki was at the lower half of the draw, getting a bye in the first round and advancing to the finals after eliminating eventual third placer Conatsu Kaga, 6-4, 6-2.

Tan also got a bye at the top half of the draw and notched the second finals ticket after a 6-0, 6-0 win over Caitlin Tinney, who marched into the Final Four, following a tough 7-5, 5-7, 7-5

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Thea Minor gets ready to serve to Mikayla Lopez during the second set of their title game in the women's open singles event in the 5th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic last Sunday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

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Traders Insurance supports NMBA's season-finale event



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Northern Marianas Badminton Association will kick off its season-ending tournament this Friday with the staging of the 7th Traders Insurance Team Tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

A donation turnover ceremony was held last week at Traders Insurance' office in Oleai to jumpstart the preparation for the association's unique and

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Traders Insurance underwriter Krizia Mendoza, second left, hands over the check to NMBA president Jerry Tan, right, during the donation turnover ceremony last week at the Traders Insurance office in Oleai. Also in the photo are, seated, Traders Insurance vice president Malou Mendoza and NMBA treasurer Shirley Kim, and NMBA secretary Merlie Tolentino, standing left, and Traders Insurance chief operating officer and general manager Ernesto Licop.

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San Antonio remains perfect

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San Antonio and Kixx Engine Oil capitalized on their shorthanded foes to cruise to separate wins in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

San Antonio duelled Natural Mystic in a Pool A tiff and coasted to a 70-52 victory to keep its perfect record in three games. Natural Mystic absorbed its second loss in five matches, dropping to fourth place behind the unbeaten Island Floral (4-0), San Antonio (3-0), and CJ Signs (3-1). Completing Pool A are San Roque (2-2), Island Manpower and I Love Saipan, which have similar 1-4 records pending results of their game last Saturday, and Maplas (0-4).

A complete San Antonio crew played against Natural Mystic, which only have seven players available. **See SAN ANTONIO on Page 26**



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San Antonio's Ezra Caro is seen here going up for a shot against two Island Manpower players during their game in the DL Corp. caging early this month at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. San Antonio played Natural Mystic last Friday and won, 70-52.